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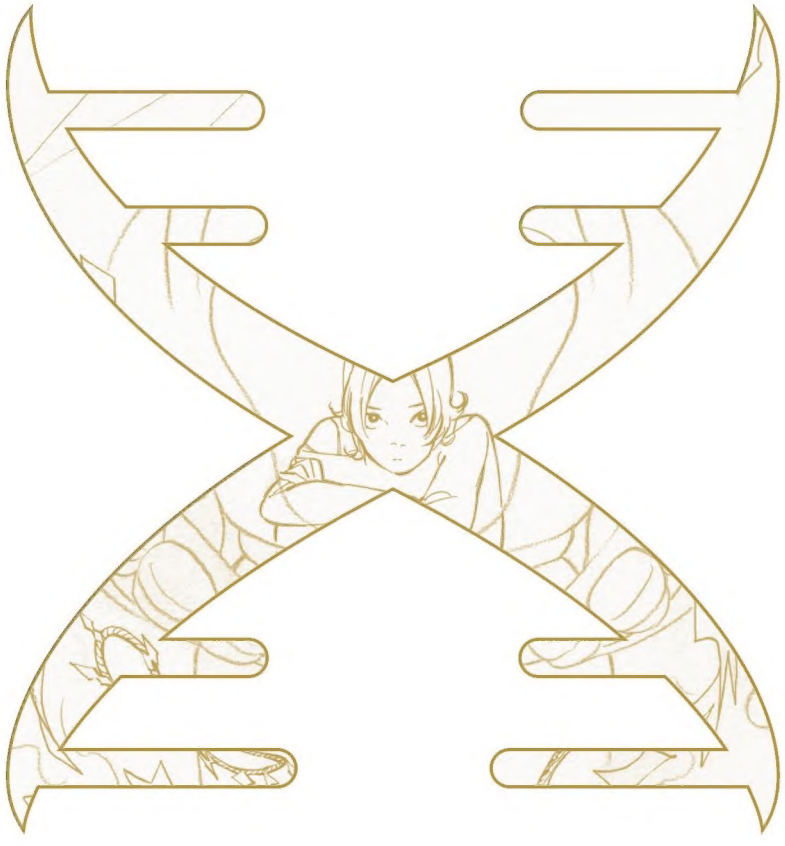

A diabolical genius known as **THE MAKER** used time travel to create his ideal Earth by systematically preventing anyone from ever becoming a super hero and establishing a secret council of super villains that rules this world from the shadows. But recently, the Maker was locked away in a place called **THE CITY**, and now **THE MAKER'S COUNCIL** works to further exercise their influence on the world, including **SUNFIRE**, **VIPER** and **SILVER SAMURAI**, who oversee the Eastern territory of **HI NO KUNI** — "The Land of the Sun." There, a young girl named **HISAKO ICHIKI** is about to find her life changed forever...

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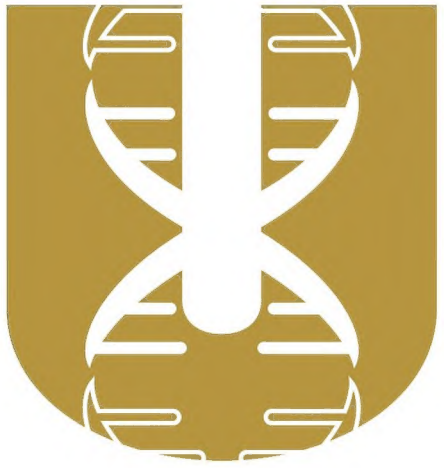

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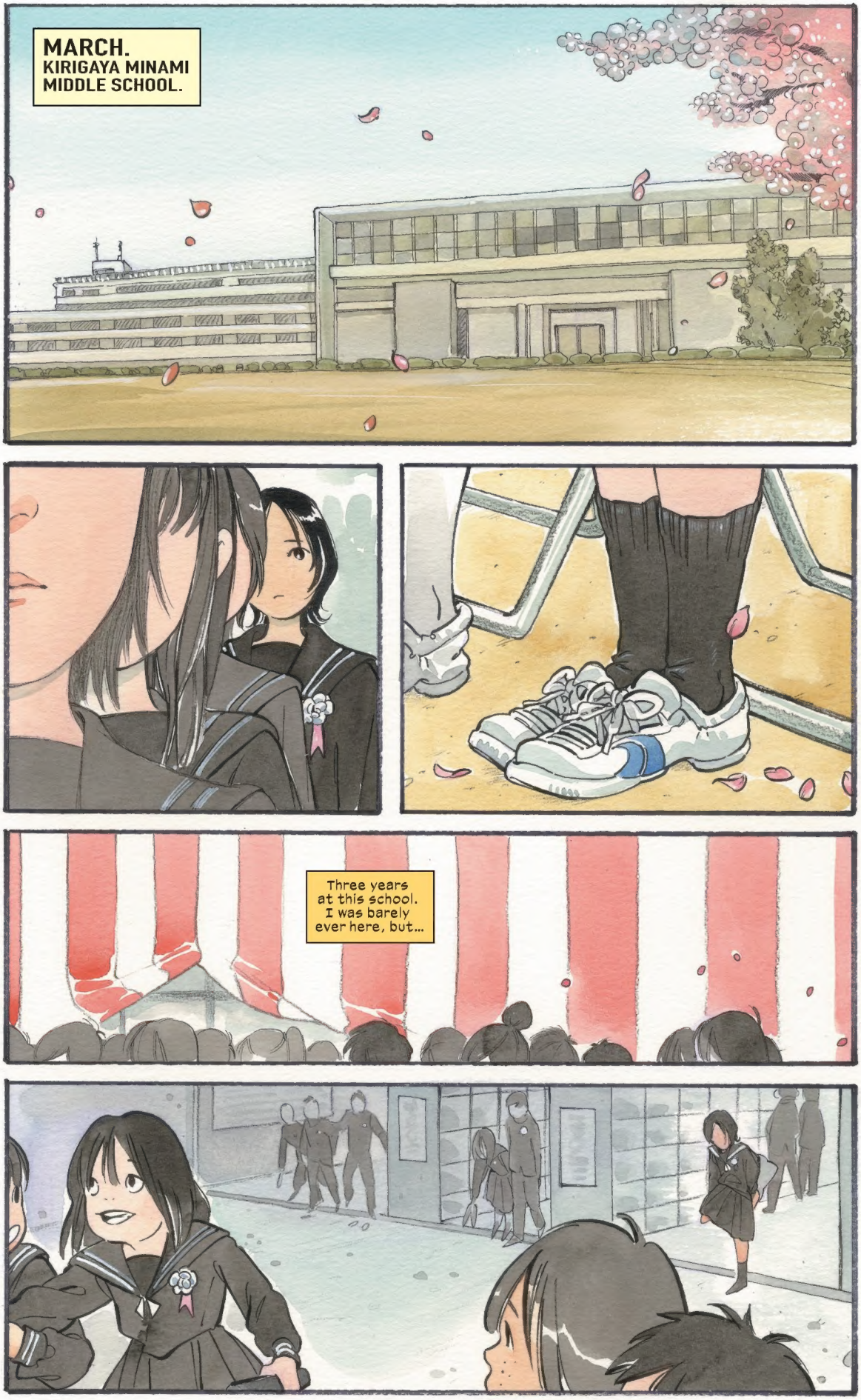
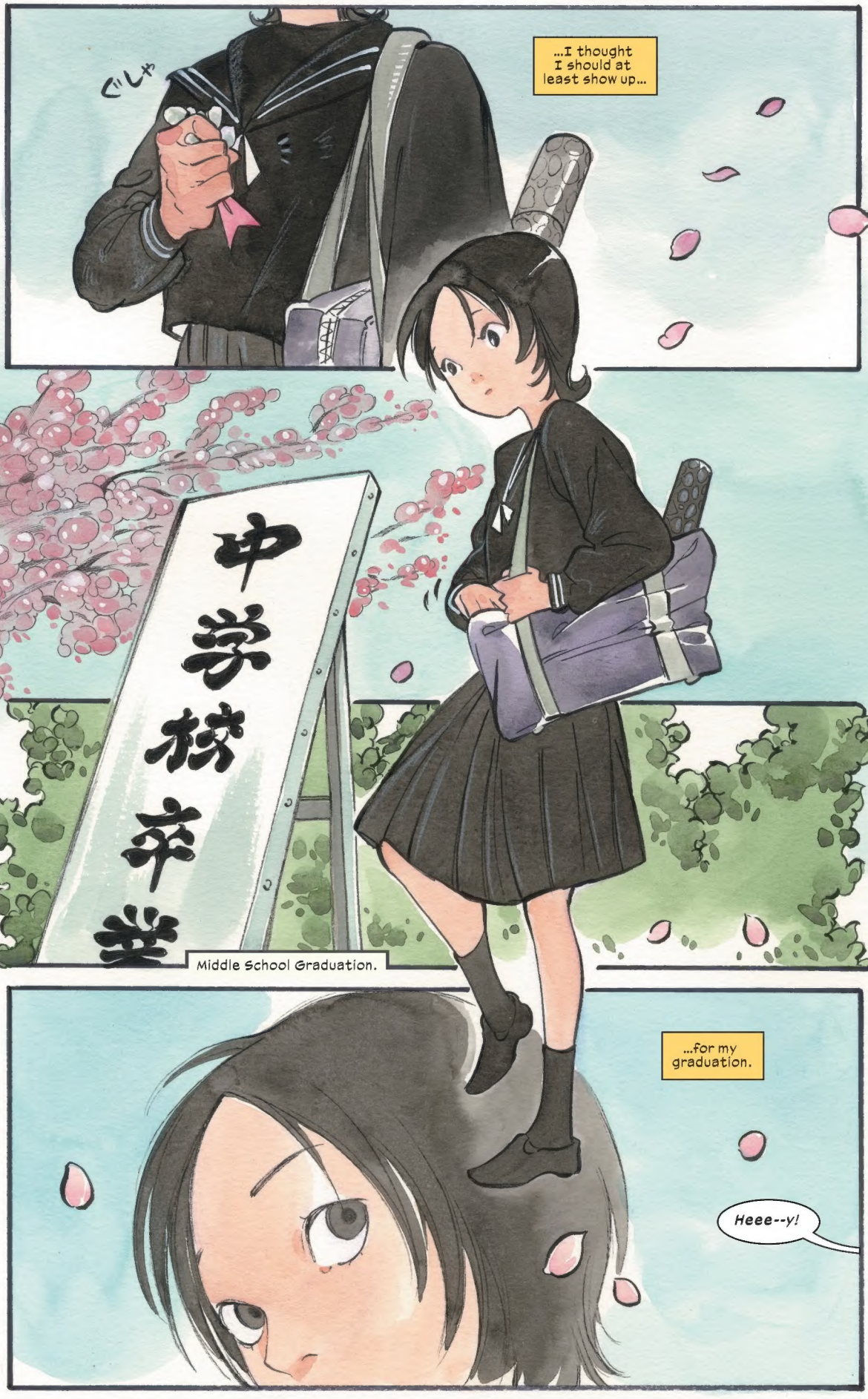

MARCH.
KIRIGAYA MINAMI
MIDDLE SCHOOL.
Three years at this school. I was barely ever here, but...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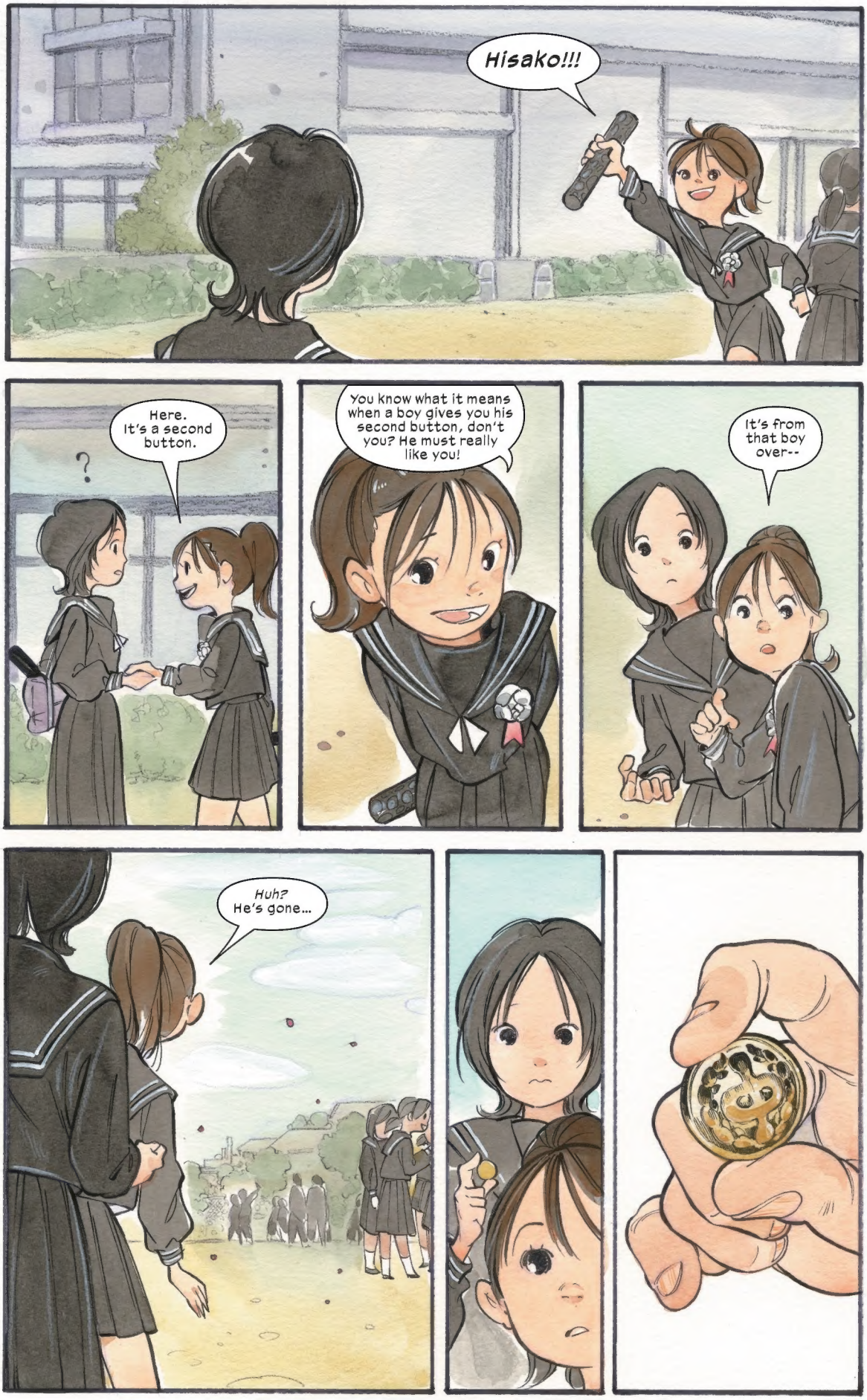
...I thought I should at least show up...
中学校卒業
Middle School Graduation.
...for my graduation.
Heee--y!


Hisako!!!
Here. It's a second button.
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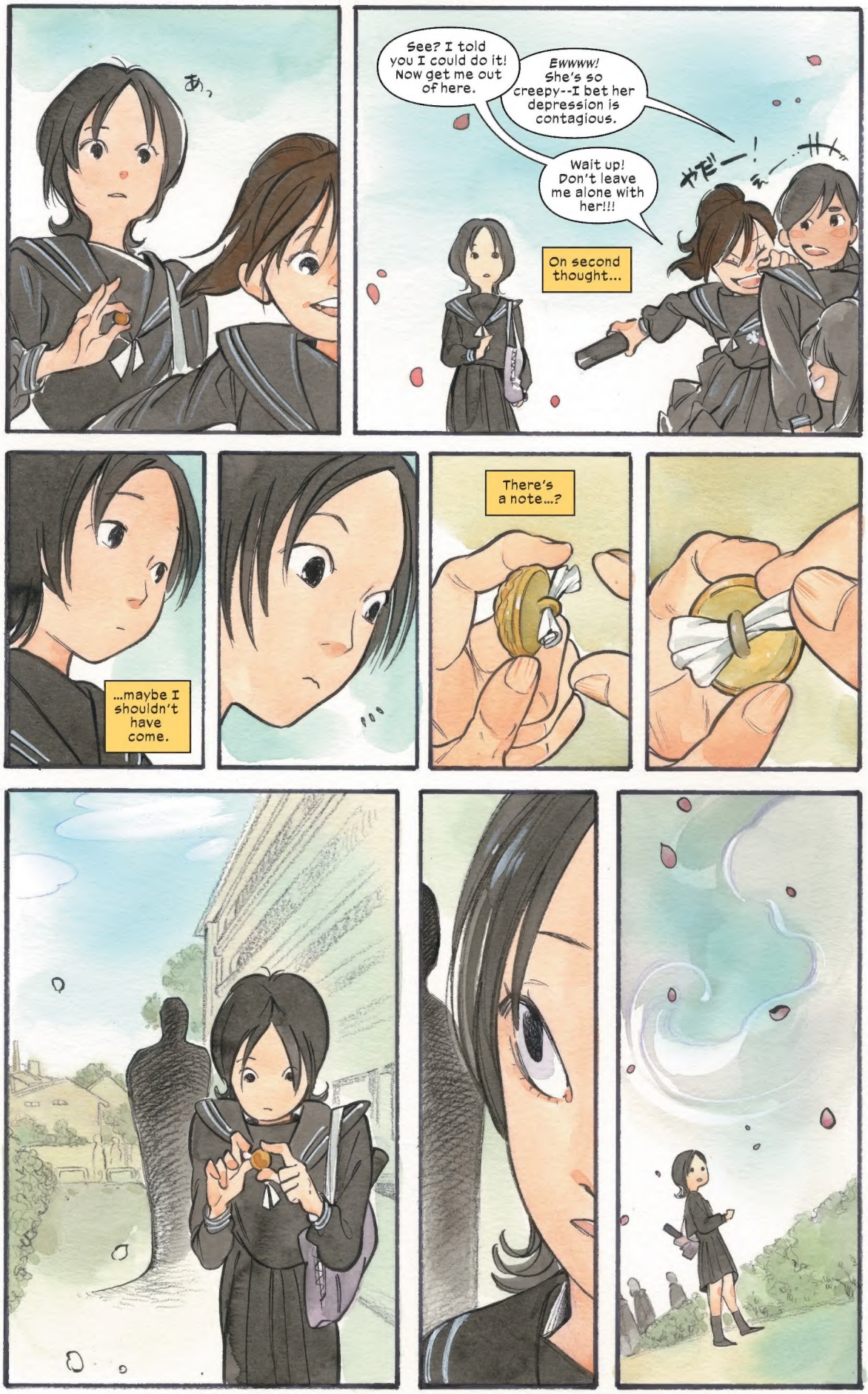
You know what it means when a boy gives you his second button, don't you? He must really like you!
It's from that boy over--
Huh? He's gone...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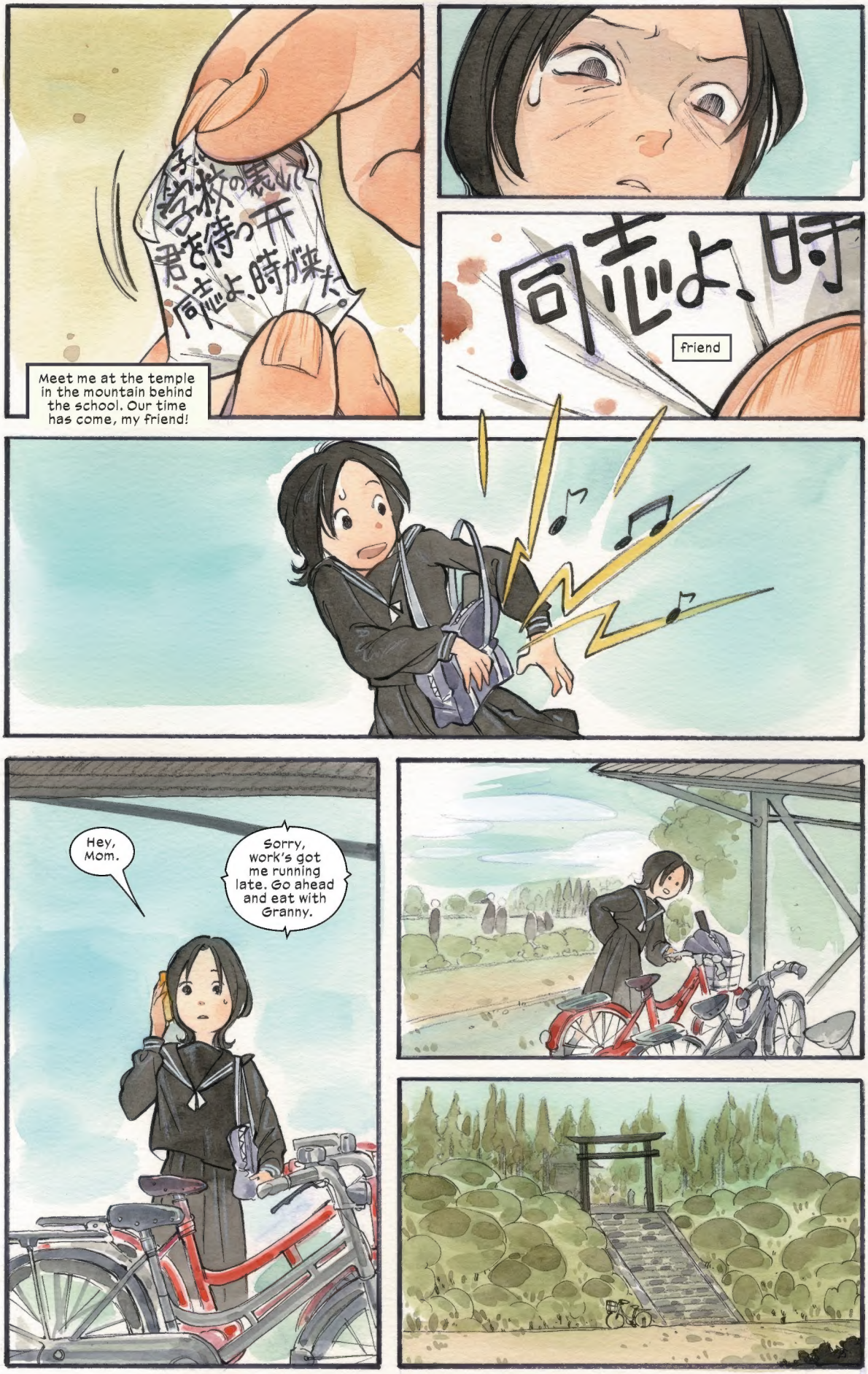
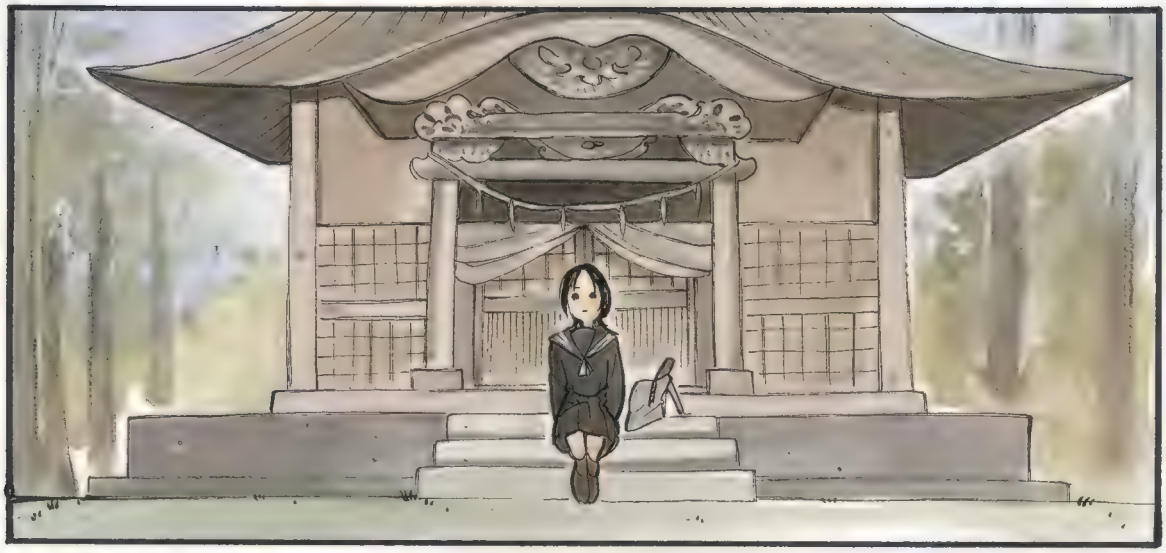
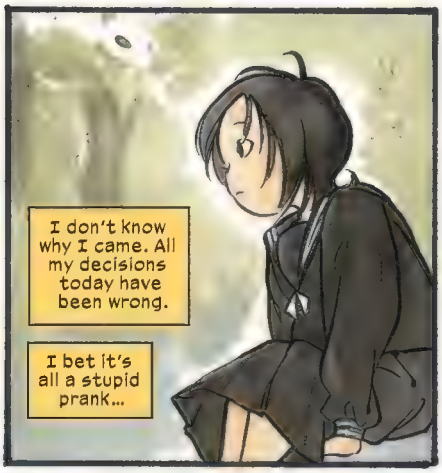
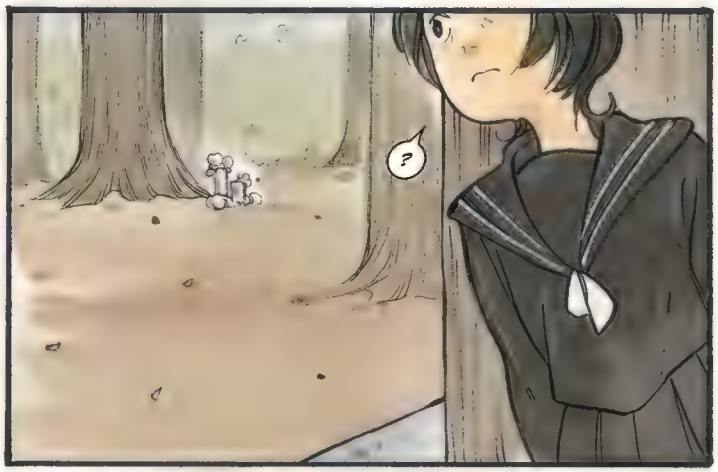
See? I told you I could do it! Now get me out of here.
Ewwww! She's so creepy--I bet her depression is contagious.
Wait up! Don't leave me alone with her!!!
On second thought...
ヤダー！
...maybe I shouldn't have come.
There's a note...?


学校の裏山
君を待つ
同志よ、時が来た。
Meet me at the temple in the mountain behind the school. Our time has come, my friend!
同志よ、時
friend
Hey, Mom.
Sorry, work's got me running late. Go ahead and eat with Granny.




I don't know why I came. All my decisions today have been wrong.
I bet it's all a stupid prank...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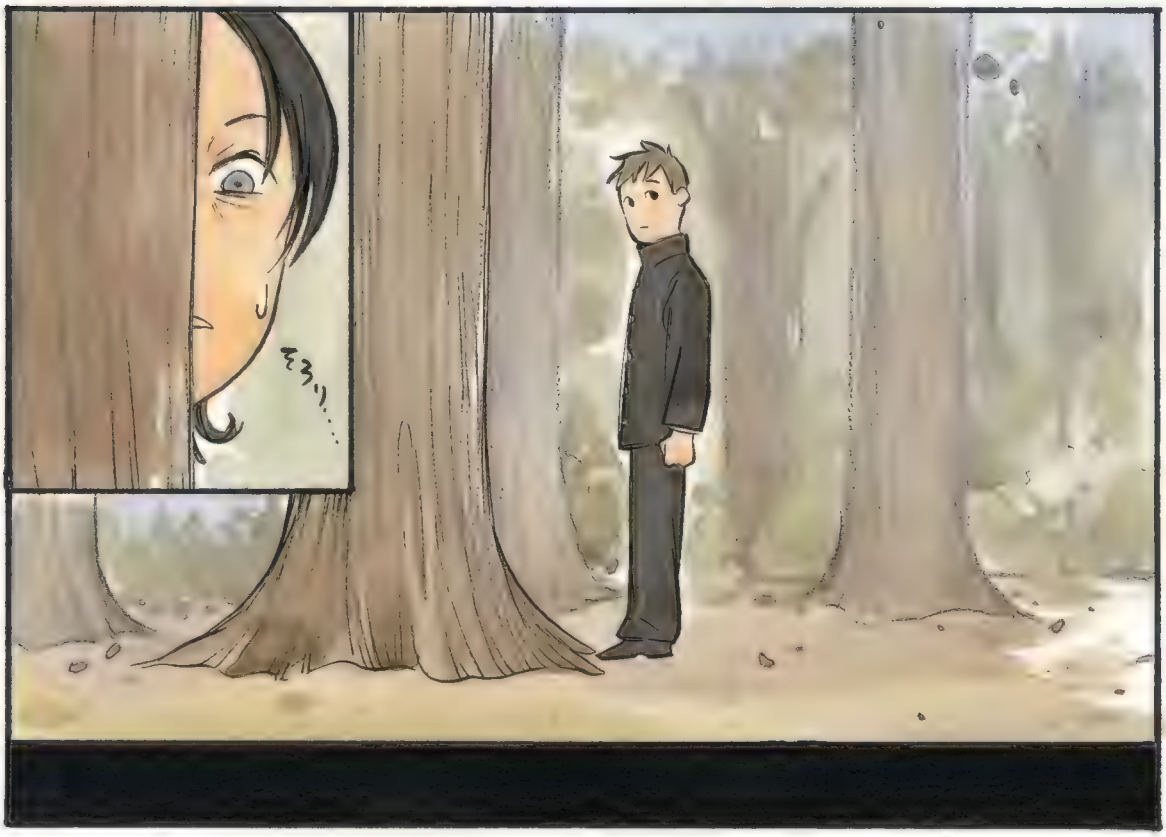

ええ...

What's wrong with me? ...I'm seeing things.
Hisako. I knew you would come.
Hoping to make new friends?
Who are you?

Did you leave that note in the button?
I did.
I needed some way to meet you since you haven't been going to school.
What do you want?
To give you this.
Wh-where did you get this...?

So you DO remember Tsubasa?
I'm sure that would please him. But then, you were "friends," after all.
Did you know I was close to Tsubasa too?
"Not as close as you, of course...
はい、おみやげ"
I got this for you, Hisako.
"Tsubasa was kind. He was always happy and smiling.
ばいばい
"So full of life.

"Until he died.
"We didn't notice--no, we didn't care to listen to his cries for help.
Come on, just tell them to back off. You can't just run away. It'll be okay.
大丈夫だよ。
"We could have saved Tsubasa if we had bothered to hear him.
"But we turned away.
"Admit it. We killed Tsubasa."

You know that. You just don't want to take responsibility.
That's why you stopped coming to school.
Stop!
I tried to--it wasn't my fault--
I quit running from my problem. My eyes are open.
The time for sorrow is over. Now is the time for VENGEANCE.

!?
What's this?
...ew...

Gyaaaaaaahhh!!!

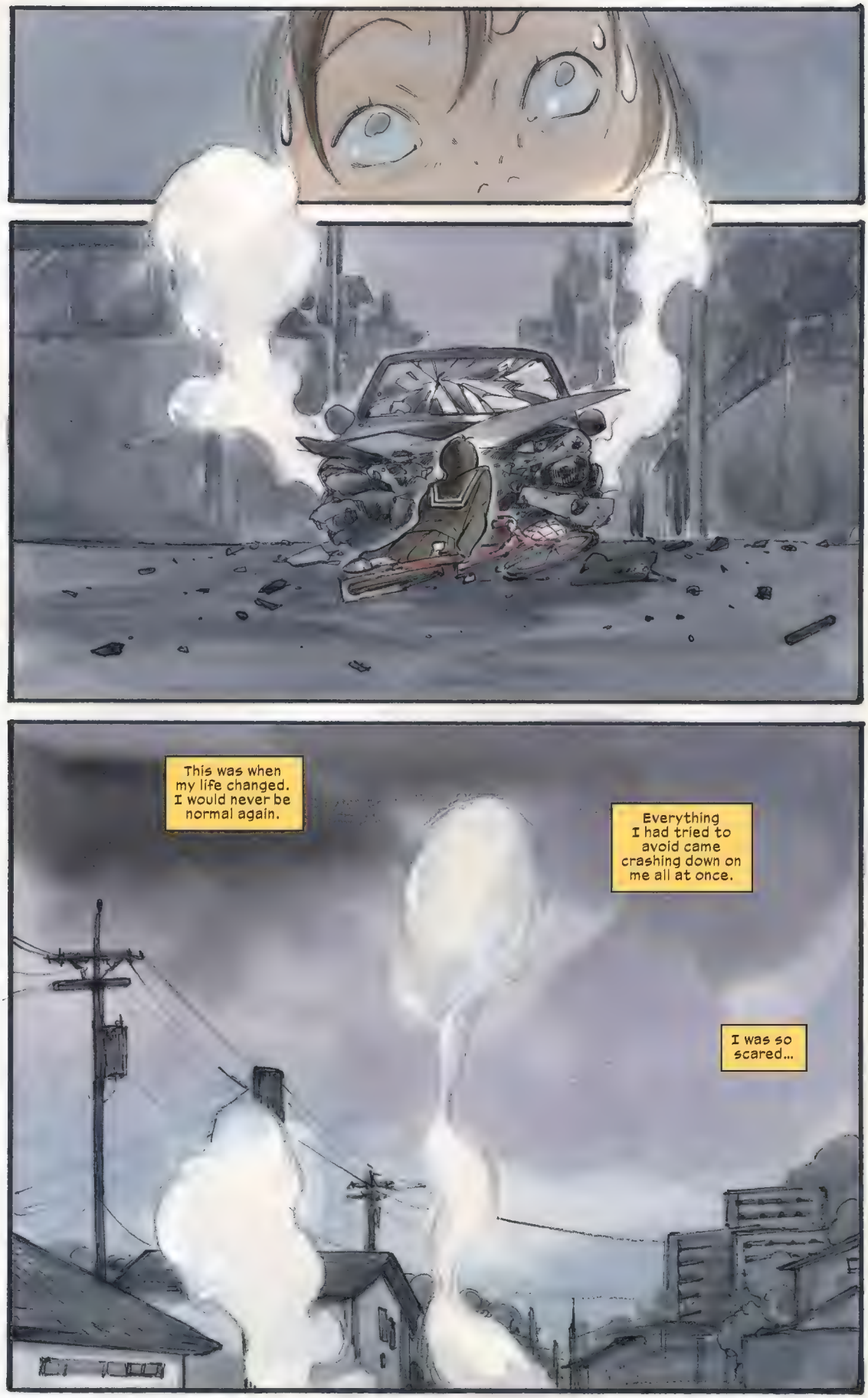
I'm sorry!!!
I'm sorry!!!
I'm sorry!!!
I'm sorry!!!
But it wasn't my fault...

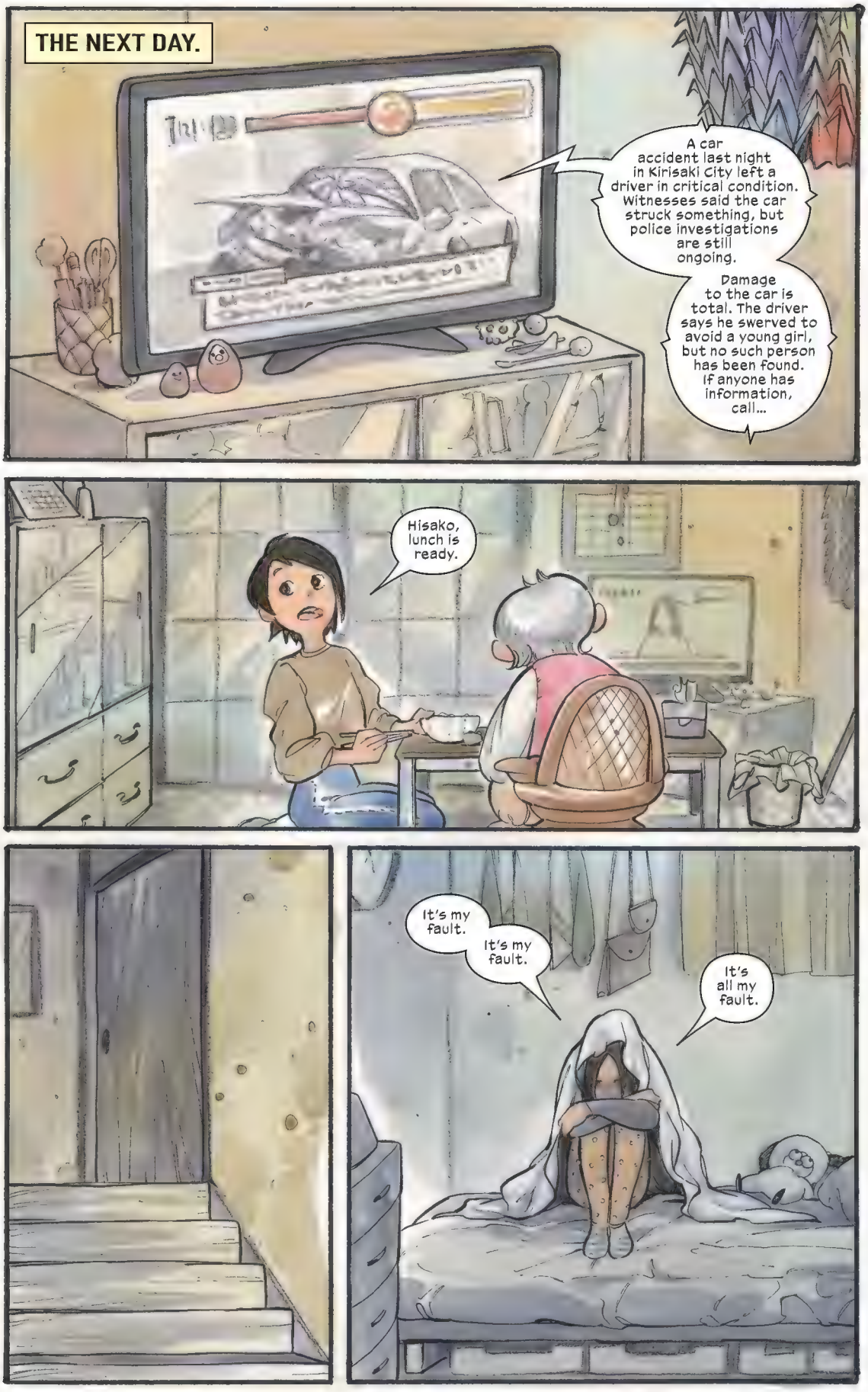
Why are you running away? You're the one who told me not to run.

SKREEEEE--

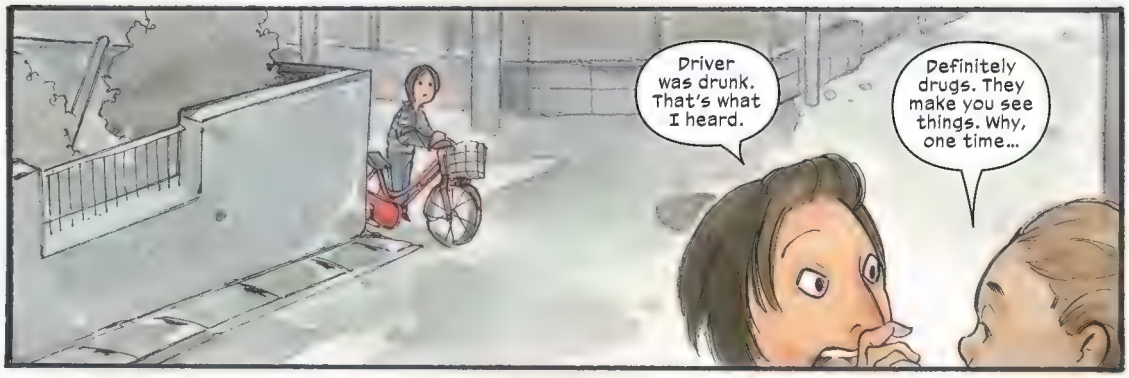
CRASHH

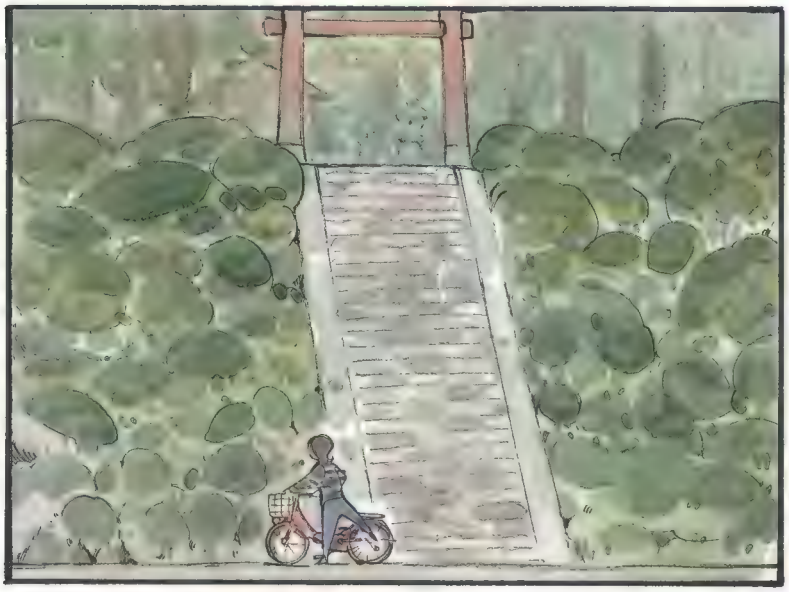
That car! But I'm not...
...hurt...?

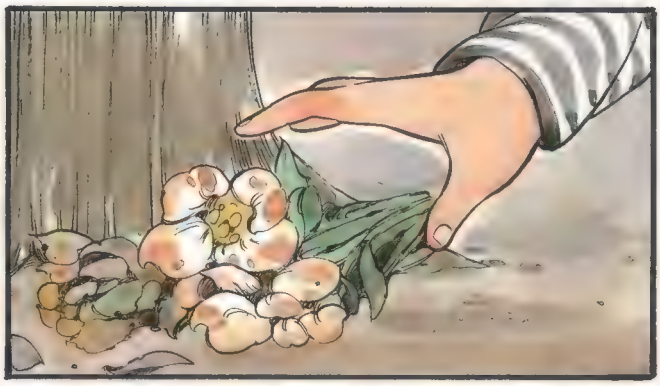

This was when my life changed. I would never be normal again.
Everything I had tried to avoid came crashing down on me all at once.
I was so scared...


THE NEXT DAY.
A car accident last night in Kirisaki City left a driver in critical condition. Witnesses said the car struck something, but police investigations are still ongoing.
Damage to the car is total. The driver says he swerved to avoid a young girl, but no such person has been found. If anyone has information, call...
Hisako, lunch is ready.
It's my fault.
It's my fault.
It's all my fault.

Hisako? Aren't you hungry?
If you're going out, don't forget your key! I'm working late tonight.
And stay out of trouble!!!


Driver was drunk. That's what I heard.
Definitely drugs. They make you see things. Why, one time...





Guilty conscience, Hisako?
Or were you looking for THIS? You dropped your diploma last night.
Wouldn't want to leave behind EVIDENCE, would you?
Come, Hisako.
This will be easier if you join me.
This isn't about Tsubasa's death at all. That's just your excuse.
Why don't you tell me what you really want from me?
Why would you say that?

I only wanted to help you work through your trauma.
You play the victim, hide secure in your carapace.
No longer. I'll tear you out of your snug little shell. YOU TRAITOR!

This is your fault. Tsubasa should never have relied on you.
A dream.
This is a dream.
I'm dreaming!
This is just a dream!!!

So you say Tsubasa's death is only a bad dream?
A dream!
A dream!
Here's a little secret. My curse is already in motion. And the first victim is someone you know.
Shut up!

It's too late.

Hisako? It's been a while. You were good friends with Tsubasa, right? So...you know that teacher, right? Tsubasa's coach? He...hung himself.

This morning. Did you know already? Everyone's talking about it. There's all those rumors that he bullied Tsubasa... Anyway, I thought you'd want to know.

ごめんなさい
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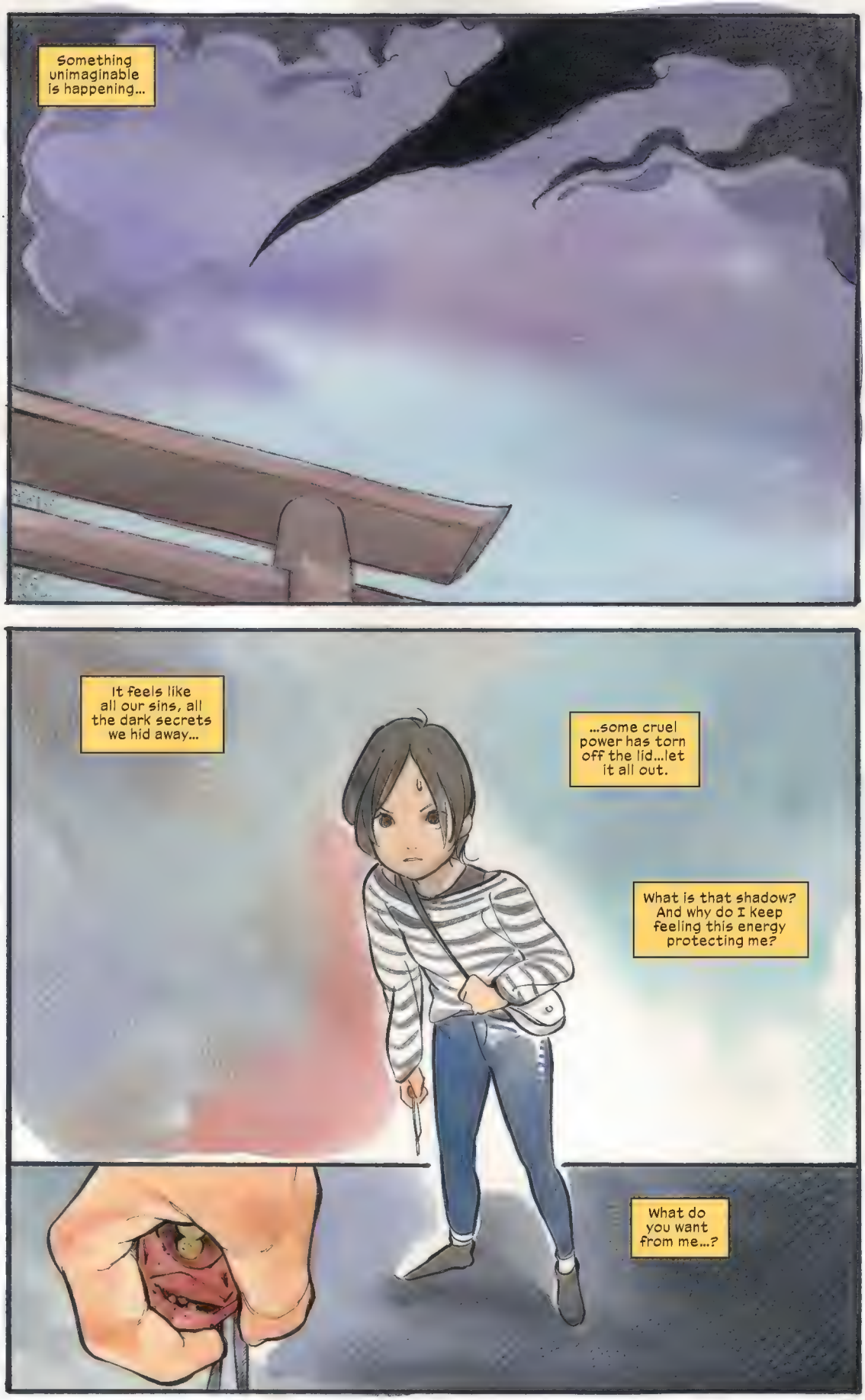
ごめんなさい

Hisako?
Are you there?
Helloooo...
What the hell is going on?


Something unimaginable is happening...
It feels like all our sins, all the dark secrets we hid away...
...some cruel power has torn off the lid...let it all out.
What is that shadow? And why do I keep feeling this energy protecting me?
What do you want from me...?

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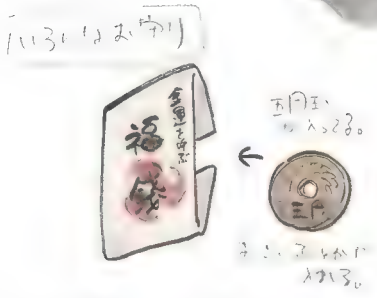
SECOND BUTTON

The second button on a boy's school uniform. It is the button closest to your heart.

During graduation, boys will give the second button of their uniform to girls they have crushes on.



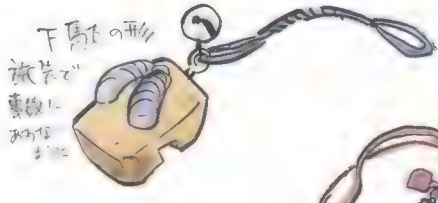
OMAMORI

Various types of charms.

This bag holds five yen. In Japanese, five yen is pronounced "GO EN," which means "relationship." The charm represents good luck with relationships, fortune and work.

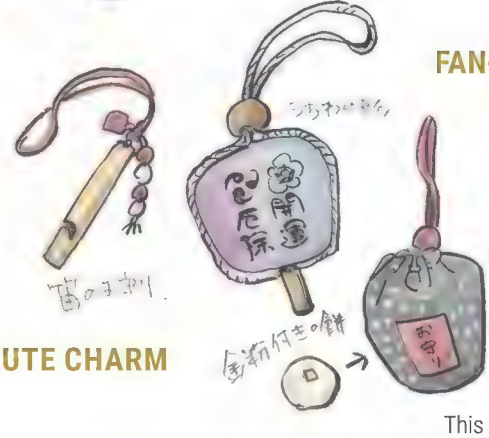
OMIKUJU (FORTUNE) INSIDE

You peel off the sticker to read your fortune.



GETA (SANDAL) CHARM

Carry this to avoid getting in any accidents while traveling.



FAN-SHAPED CHARM

FLUTE CHARM

This charm contains gold-leaf mochi.

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Thanks for ditching school with me, Hisako.
Don't worry about it, Tsubasa.
I'm surprised you wanted to.
Still, today is a good day for it.

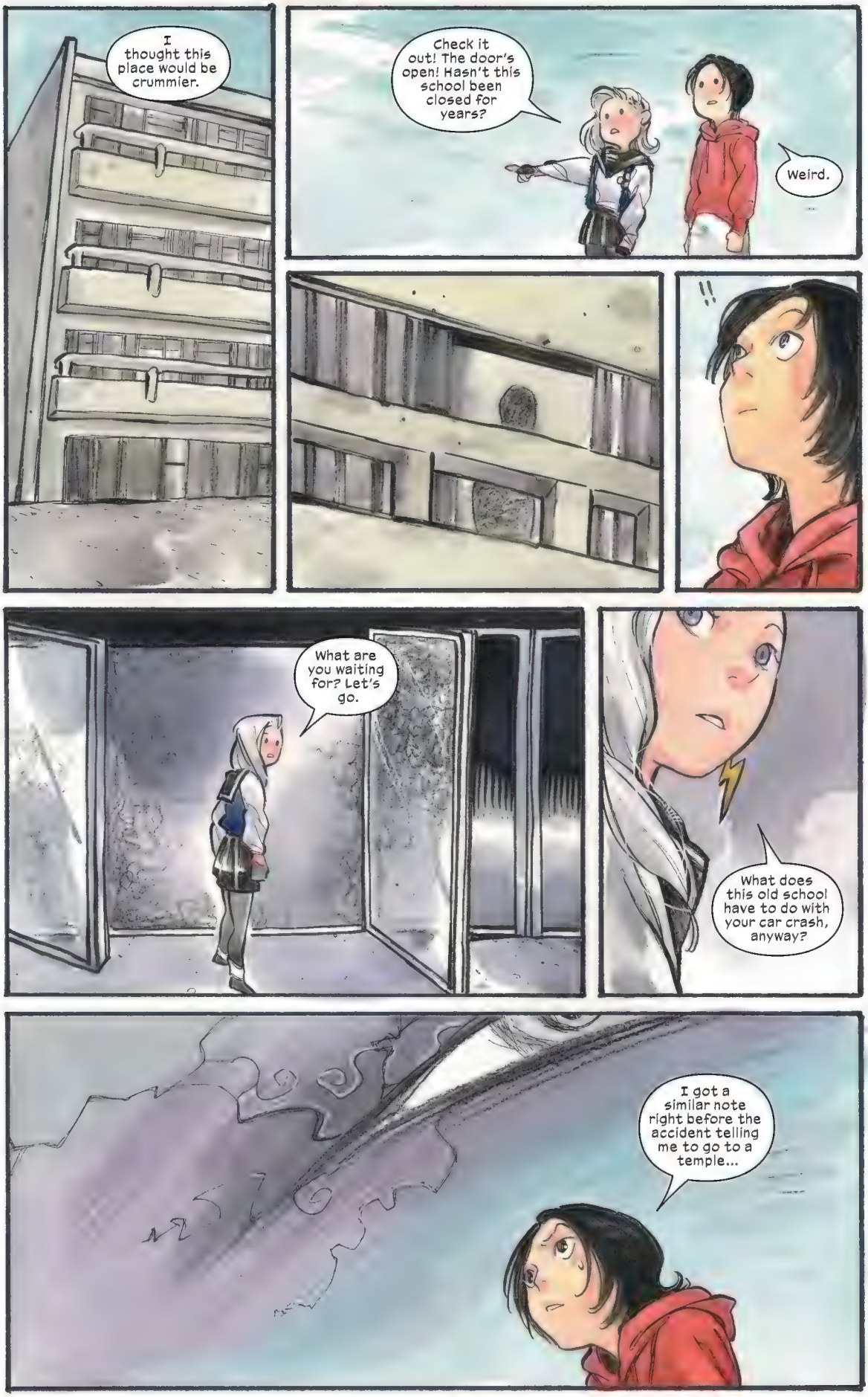
Actually... it's not just today.
I don't want to go back at all.
Are you serious?! Drop out of school?!
That's kinda punk rock.
Should I have said something else? Tried to talk him out of it?
I could have at least asked him why. Listened to him.
I never thought he would...

Huh?! A dream...?
?

Hisako! Are you going to your motorcycle-riding class? Can you pick up some eggs on the way home?
Sure, Mom!
Don't forget to bring a bag so they don't charge you for plastic.
KAAAGGHH!!

Hey.
It's you, right?
That girl from the car wreck a few weeks ago?
Not me. You've got the wrong person.

I don't think I do.
I'm Mei. What's your story?
You can trust me. Here, I'll show you my secret...
Look!
She sings even though she doesn't have any batteries!
Cute, huh?
Man, this girl is weird...
...but maybe...
Hey--
...she's weird enough to not think I'm losing it.
--you wanna come with me?
What's this?
I'm waiting for you in the science lab of the abandoned school. Come to me.


I thought this place would be crummier.
Check it out! The door's open! Hasn't this school been closed for years?
Weird.
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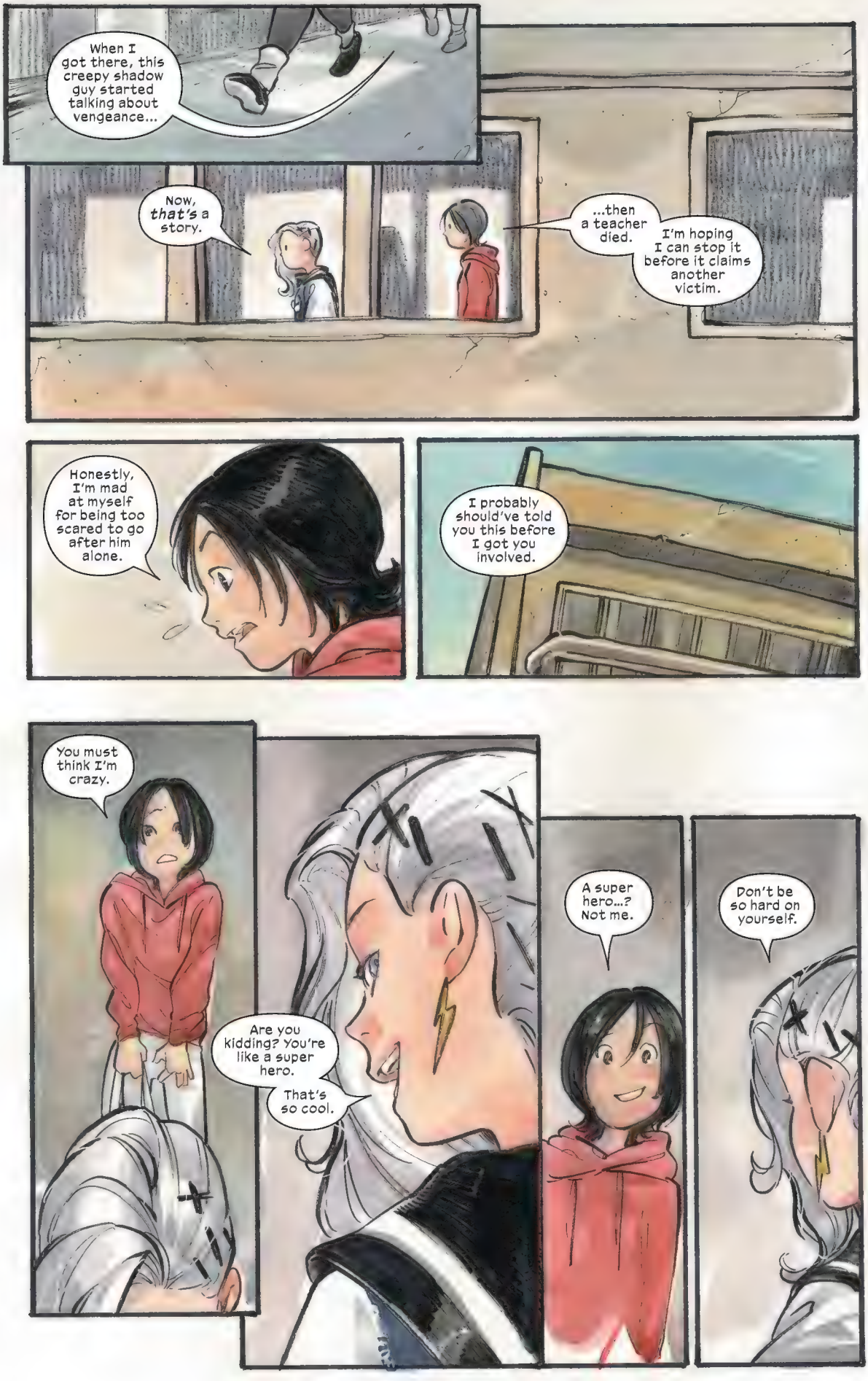
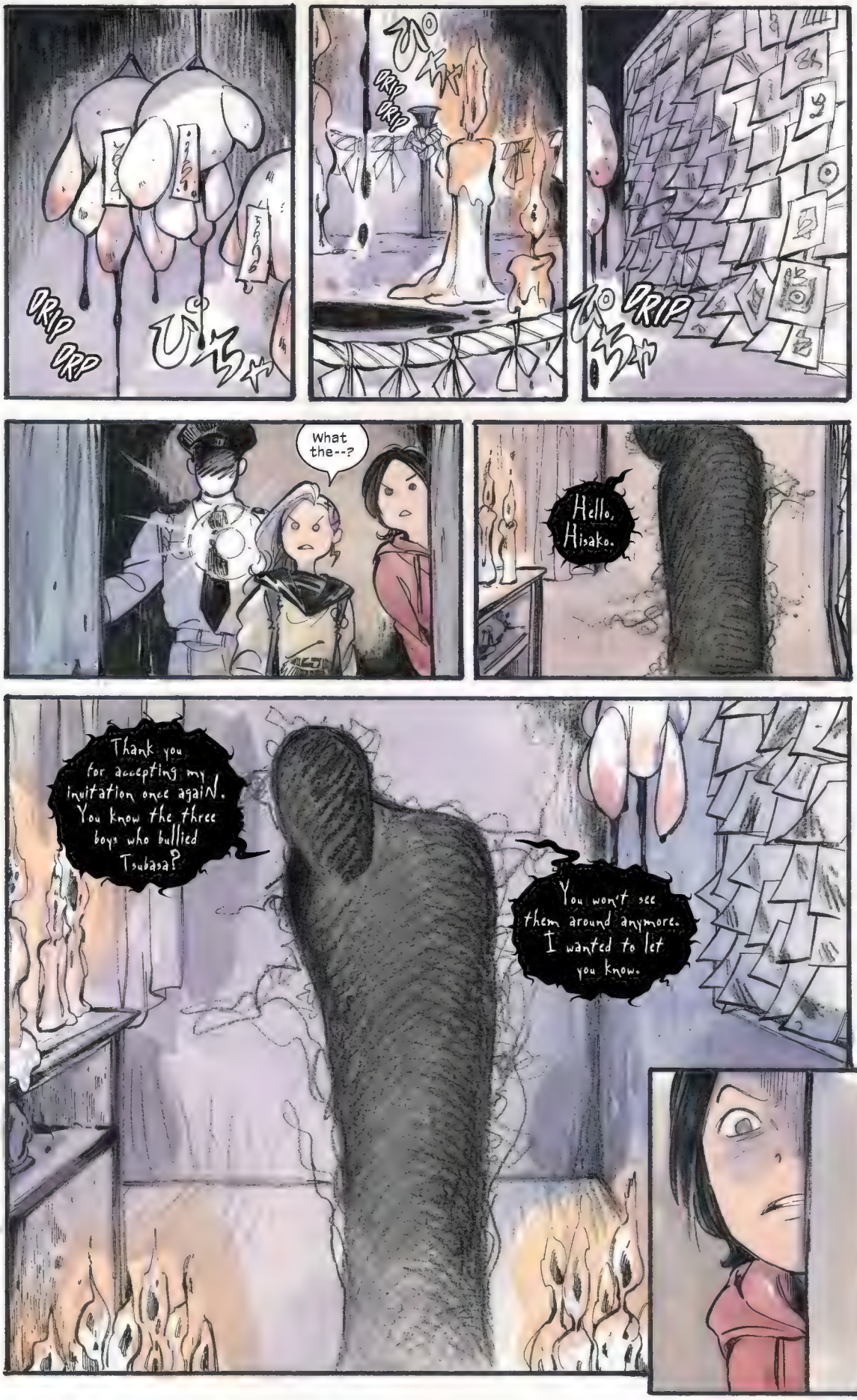
What are you waiting for? Let's go.
What does this old school have to do with your car crash, anyway?
I got a similar note right before the accident telling me to go to a temple...


When I got there, this creepy shadow guy started talking about vengeance...
Now, *that's* a story.
...then a teacher died.
I'm hoping I can stop it before it claims another victim.
Honestly, I'm mad at myself for being too scared to go after him alone.
I probably should've told you this before I got you involved.
You must think I'm crazy.
Are you kidding? You're like a super hero.
That's so cool.
A super hero...? Not me.
Don't be so hard on yourself.

A super hero fighting a mysterious shadow...
Wha- what is that...?!
SQSHSH
むにゃ
U!!
It looks like a stuffed animal.
ニオ.....
EWW! How can you touch that thing?
And why is it here?
Hey! You kids can't be in here!
This property is off-limits! What is this, some kind of stunt?
You making a ghost video?
DRIP DRP
DRIP DRIP


DRIP DRP
DRIP DRIP
DRIP
What the--?
Hello, Hisako.
Thank you for accepting my invitation once again. You know the three boys who bullied Tsubasa?
You won't see them around anymore. I wanted to let you know.

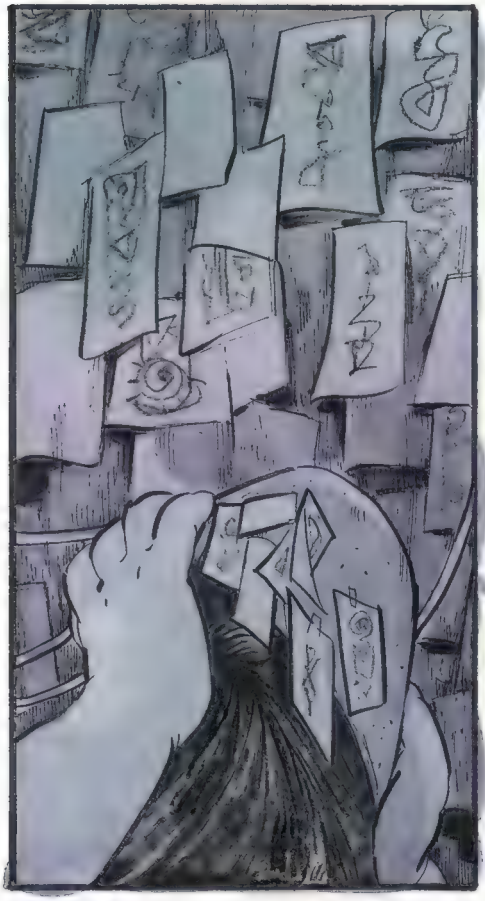
I see you brought a friend.
I-it's him...
Sir! He's a killer!
Who's a killer?
Run!!!

Mei, what are you--
FWOOOSH
What? How did you do that?!

We can't stop it!
GO!

Away!!!
ATTACK
Oh shoot...
The eggs for my mom...

Erghhh...



Why...?

That girl...I know her face from somewhere...
Hisako...

IRODORI HIGH SCHOOL. ENTRANCE CEREMONY.
入学式
I saw it on the news the next morning. Three students were found hanging at our old middle school.
I know it wasn't suicide. I wonder if I'm cursed and going to die too.
入学式
Psst!
Heeeey.

Hisako! I can't believe we're classmates! That's wild!
It's good to see you.
What's your chat I.D.? Let's link!
...I don't really use social media...
I'll set you up! That's okay, right? Then we can chat!
I should probably introduce myself properly.
I'm Mei Igarashi.
Hisako Ichiki. Nice to meet you.
Hi-chan! Cool!
...Hi-chan. It's been a long time since anyone called me that.
Did you see the morning news? That's crazy!
Yeah...
Do you think it was that shadow guy?
...

LEXICON

ANATOMY AND SCIENCE CLASSROOM

ANATOMICAL MODEL OF THE HUMAN BODY

学校の理科室では
たくさんの保存液●●が入れられている。
人体模型や ホルマリン漬け、
死を連想させるものたちで
満たされているからだろうか…？

動物のホルマリン漬け

There are many ghost stories about the anatomy and science classroom.

Maybe because there are so many dead things in the room...?

SKELETON MODEL

FORMALIN-PRESERVED SPECIMENS

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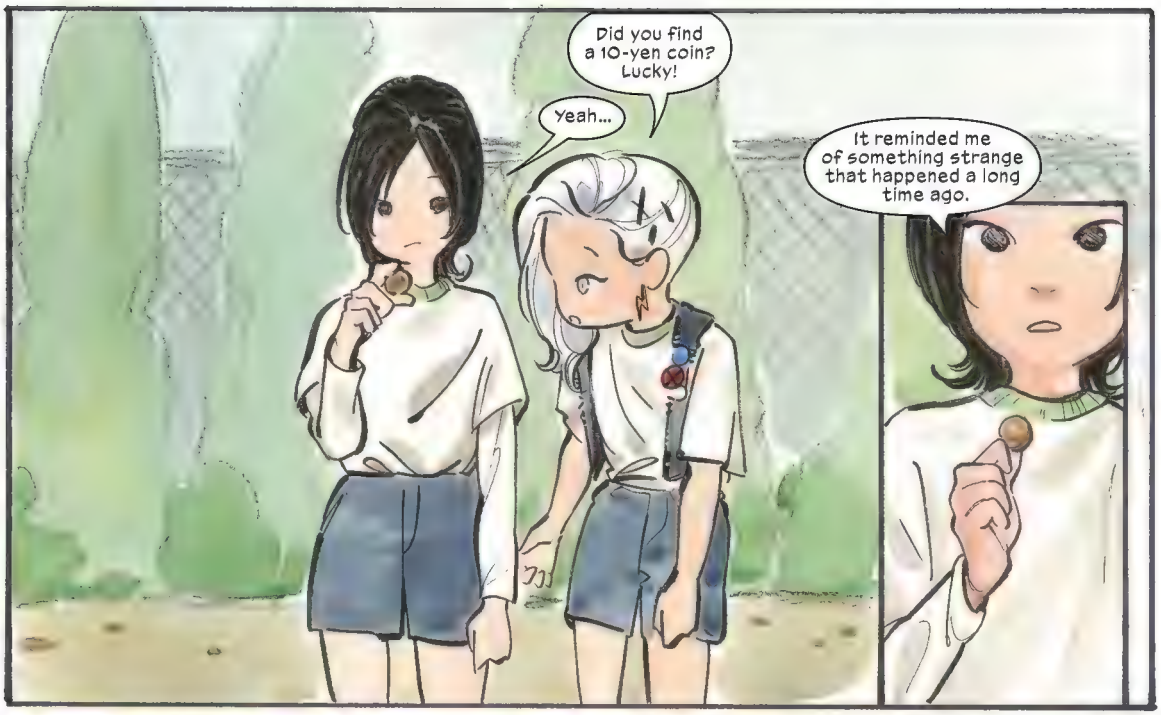
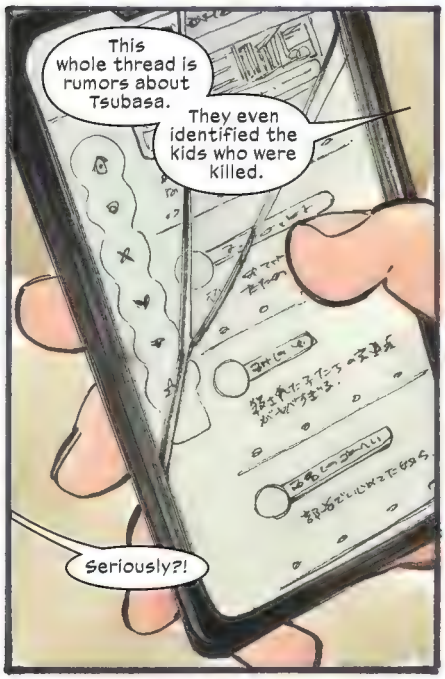
No way! It's moving!
FWISH
How does it know...?
Come on, Hisako. You're moving it!
I swear I'm not!

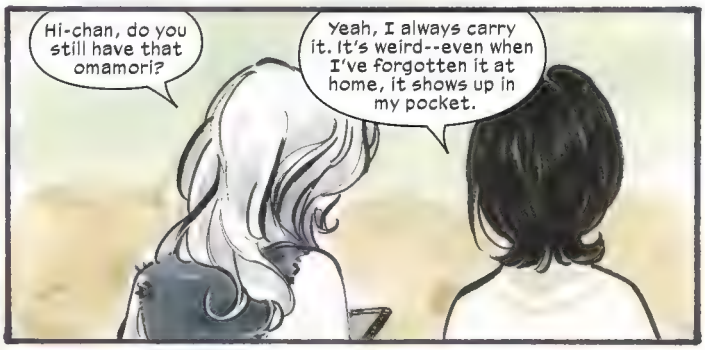
It's my turn!
I want to ask about my boyfriend.

Hey, Sayaka, who is that guy?
What are you talking about? I thought you invited him.
TWO YEARS LATER.

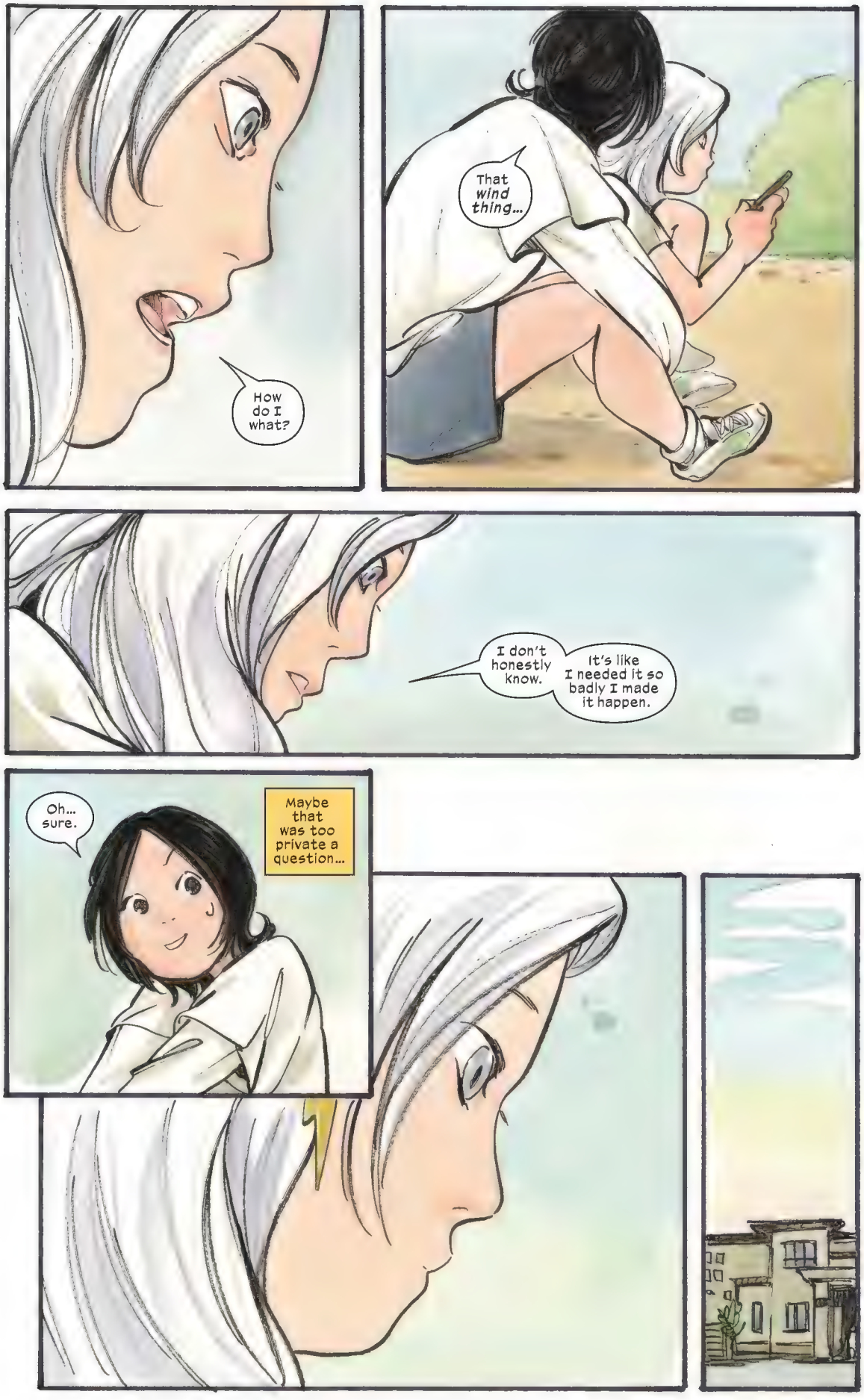

Did you find a 10-yen coin? Lucky!
Yeah...
It reminded me of something strange that happened a long time ago.

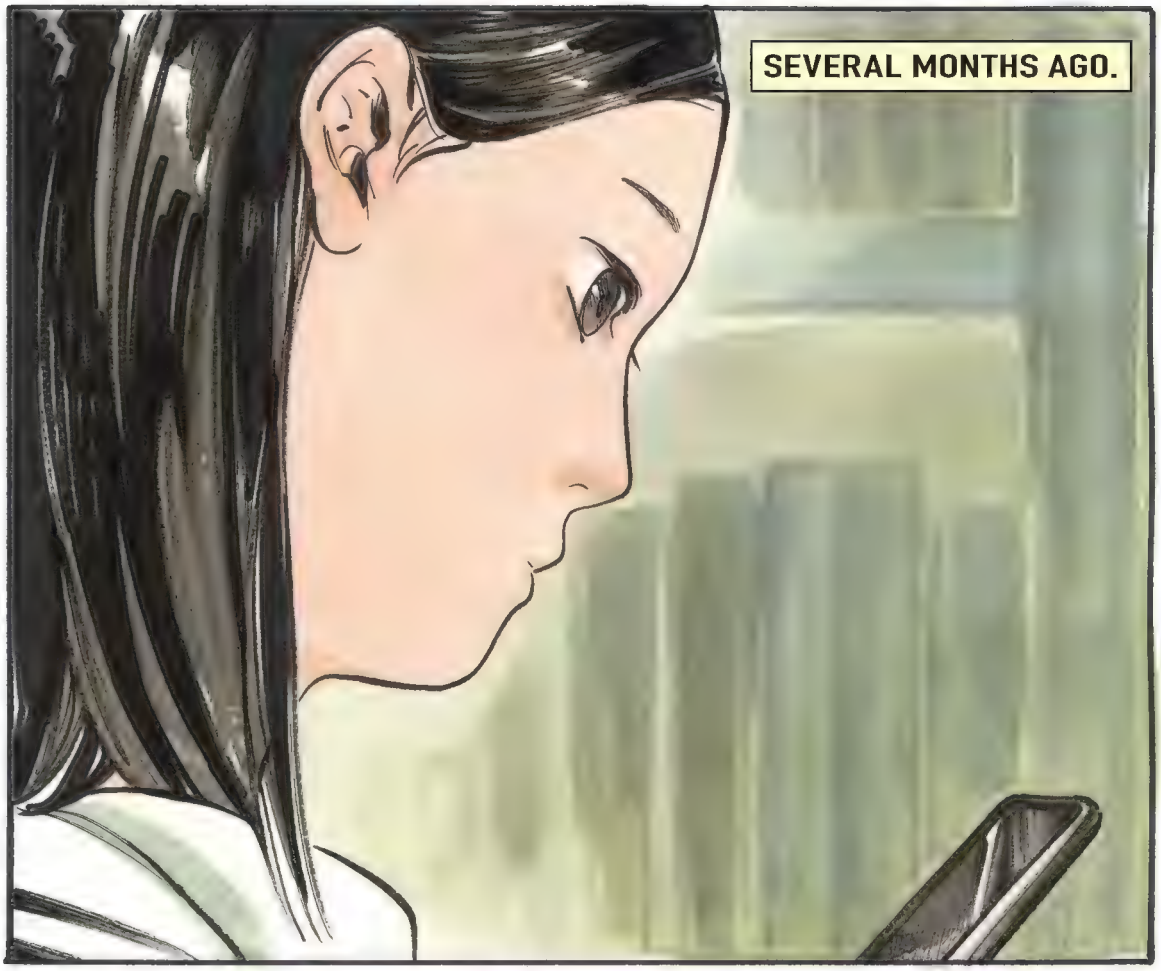
Oh yeah? What?
Uh, nothing important. Kind of boring, really.
Well, speaking of weird stuff--look what I found!


This whole thread is rumors about Tsubasa.
They even identified the kids who were killed.
Seriously?!


Hi-chan, do you still have that omamori?
Yeah, I always carry it. It's weird--even when I've forgotten it at home, it shows up in my pocket.

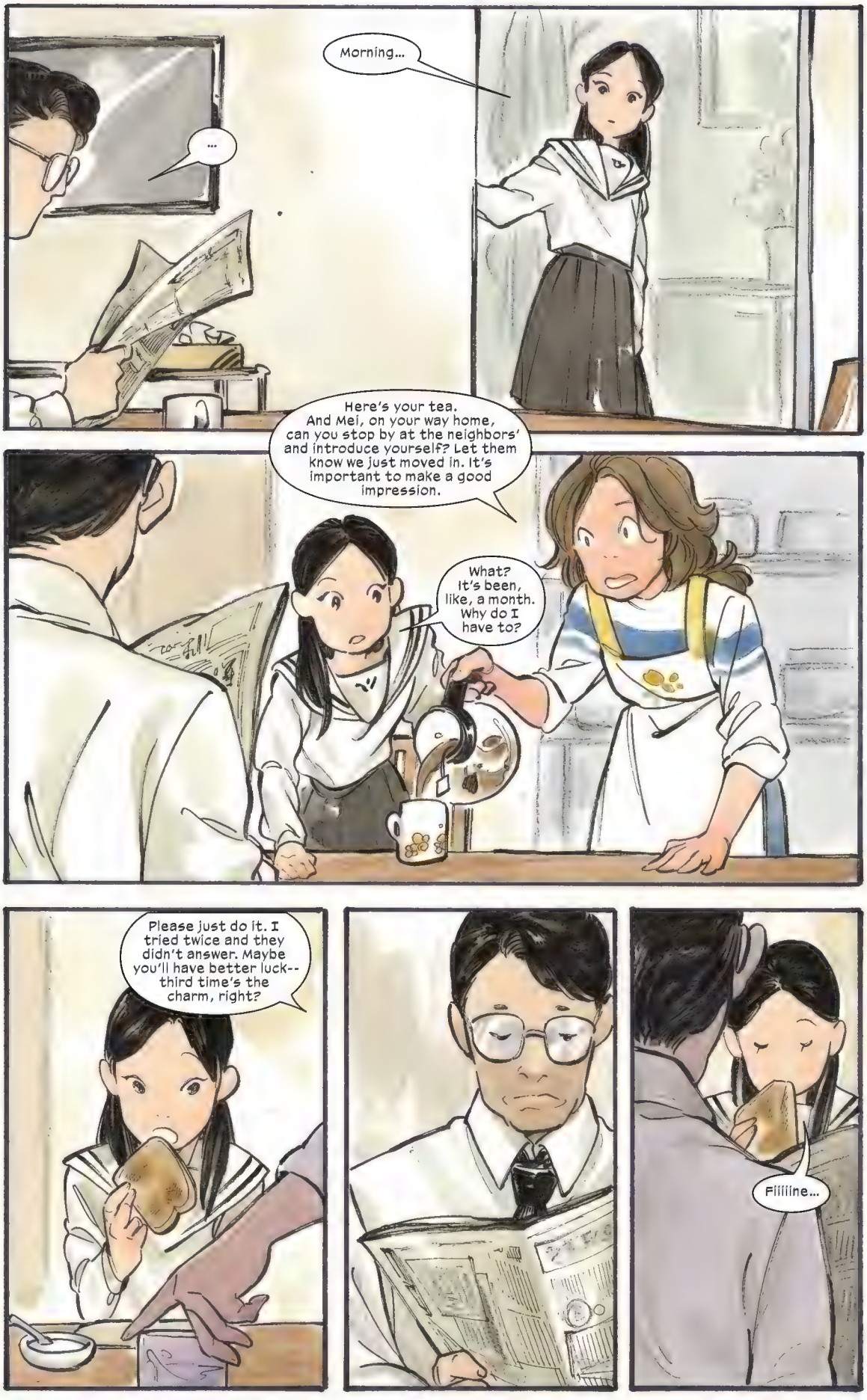
How about you, Mei? How do you...you know...


How do I what?
That wind thing...
I don't honestly know.
It's like I needed it so badly I made it happen.
Oh... sure.
Maybe that was too private a question...

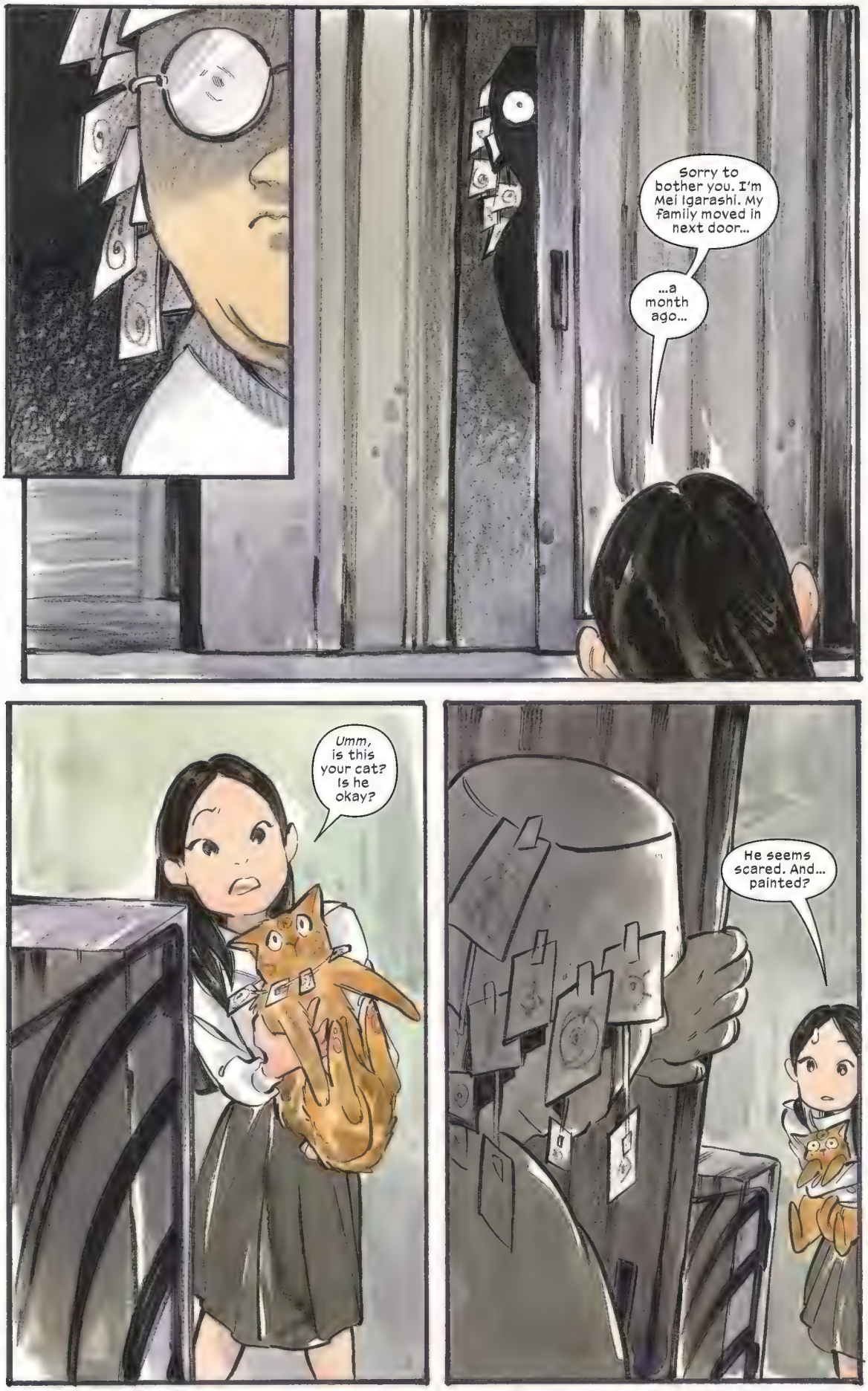

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

Storm
Freedom fighter in We
Africa seemingly has
power of the storm

Mei, breakfast is ready!
Hurry up, or you're going to be late for school!


Morning...
...
Here's your tea.
And Mei, on your way home, can you stop by at the neighbors' and introduce yourself? Let them know we just moved in. It's important to make a good impression.
What? It's been, like, a month. Why do I have to?
Please just do it. I tried twice and they didn't answer. Maybe you'll have better luck--third time's the charm, right?
Fiiiiine...

AFTER SCHOOL.
See you tomorrow!
Bye, Mei!
I wonder if anyone's there--
Whoa!
Knock, knock... anyone home?
My cat...
!?

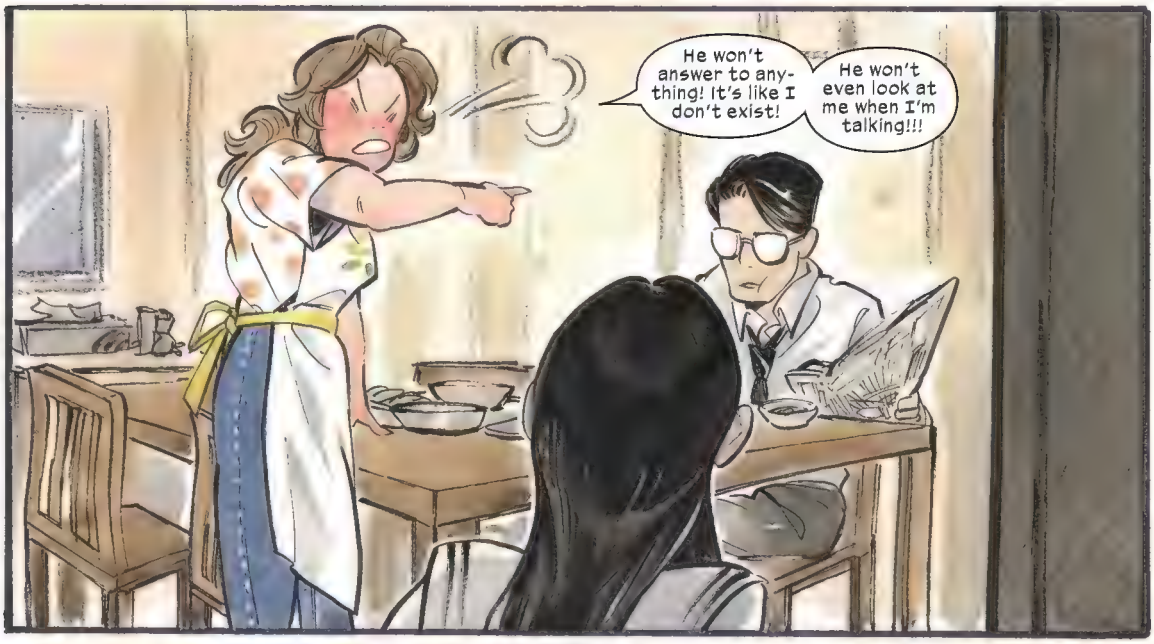

Sorry to bother you. I'm Mei Igarashi. My family moved in next door...
...a month ago...
Umm, is this your cat? Is he okay?
He seems scared. And... painted?

Hey!
What are you--?!
OW!!!

Sorry. I'll discipline the cat.
I'm home...

--don't change the subject! I know you've been seeing that... girl again!
Hey! Don't just sit there. Say something!!!
Dammit!
Mei, get down here. Dinner is ready!

Are you two at it again?
If you're gonna fight, can you not wake me up? It's not like I can eat with you yelling at each other.


He won't answer to anything! It's like I don't exist!
He won't even look at me when I'm talking!!!

Then leave him. Who needs him anyway?

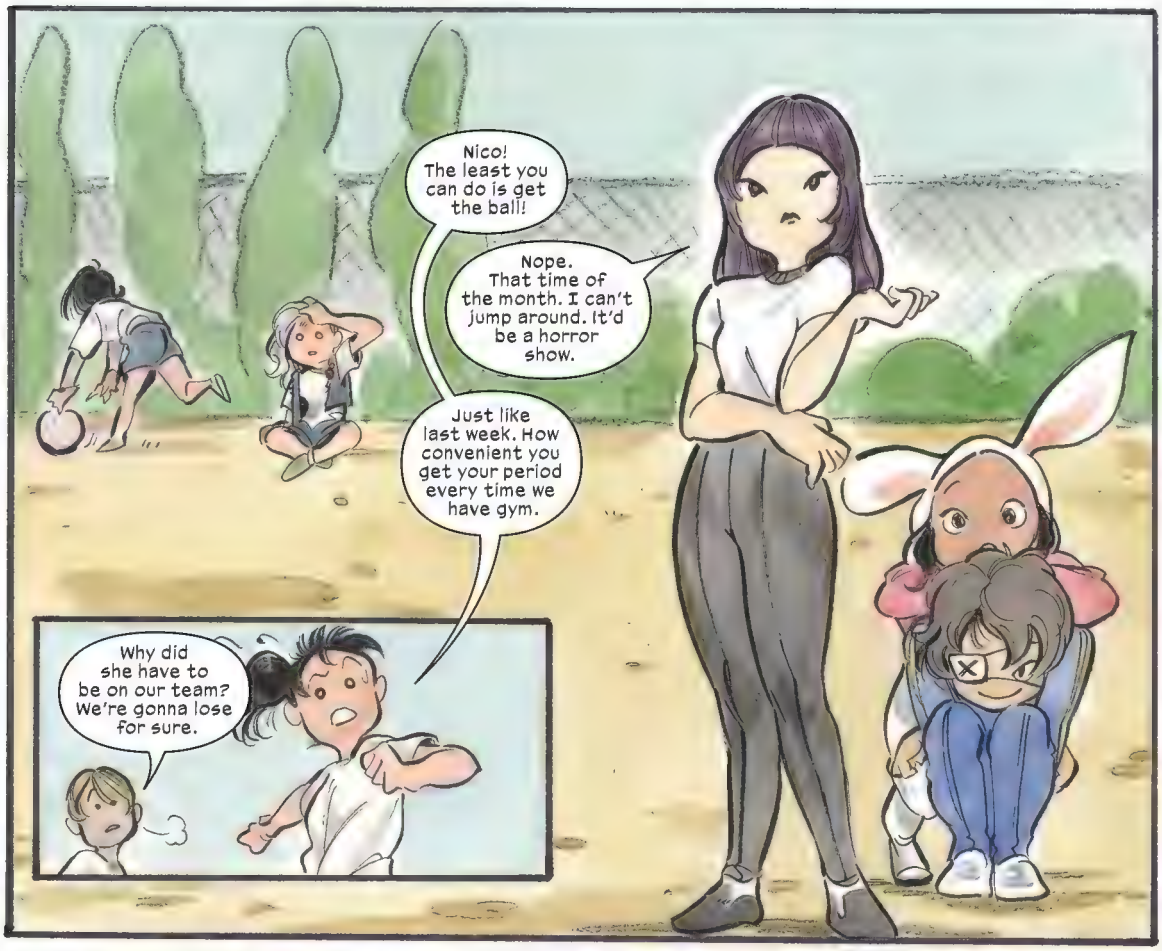
Mei! How dare you talk about your father like that!

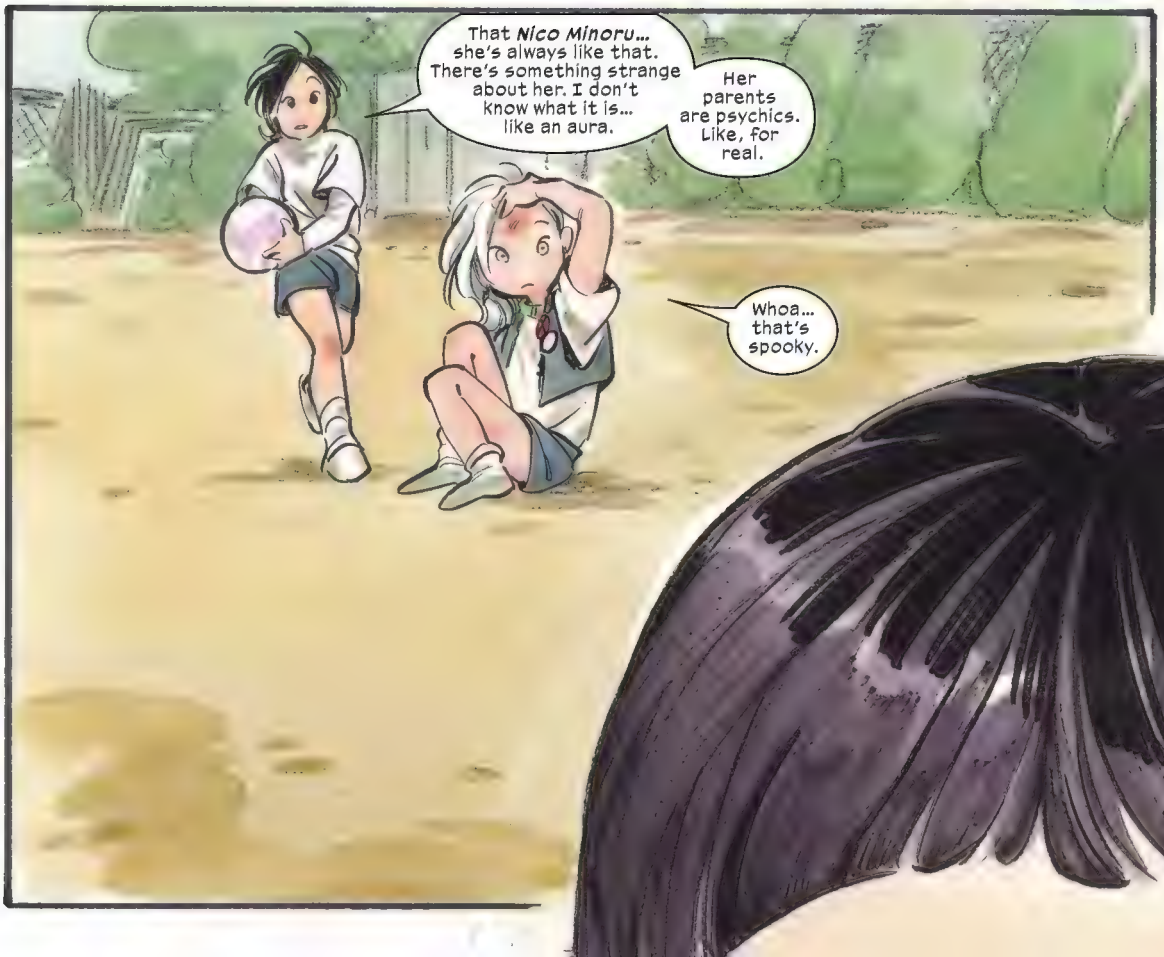
Ow!!!
SWAKK
Mei!

GYAAAHHH!

Th-that storm... how?
M-Mei... your eyes...your hair...

I don't need punks like you in my house.
Get out.


Nico! The least you can do is get the ball!
Nope. That time of the month. I can't jump around. It'd be a horror show.
Just like last week. How convenient you get your period every time we have gym.
Why did she have to be on our team? We're gonna lose for sure.


That *Nico Minoru*... she's always like that. There's something strange about her. I don't know what it is... like an aura.
Her parents are psychics. Like, for real.
Whoa... that's spooky.

Here, catch!
Hisako! Mei! Just because you're on the bench doesn't mean you can play on your phones!
You're still part of the team!
What?
Interesting.
You two are mutants too.
TOO?
?

LEXICON

コックリさん KOKKURI-SAN

Some regions use chopsticks for the game

An old Japanese spirit board commonly played with after school. .

Foxes are known for having spiritual power in Japan. Many temples display foxes as a protector and treat the fox as a god.

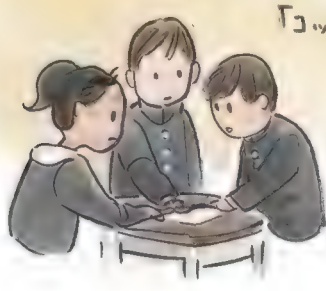
In the game Kokkuri-san, it is said that foxes possess humans to understand that person and their surroundings. This is called "Kitsune-Tsuki."

Foxes know everything about you...even your darkest secrets.

The game requires 1-3 people and a 10-yen coin.

Then you chant, "Kokkuri-san, Kokkuri-san, oide kudasai."

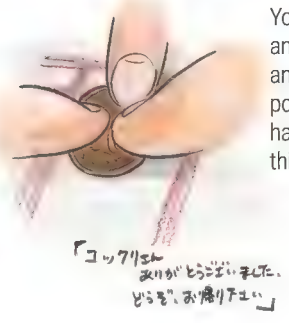
(Kokkuri-san, Kokkuri-san, please come.)



If you play any pranks or disrespect the fox, you will be punished.

At the end, chant "Kokkuri-san, Kokkuri-san, arigato gozaimasu. Dozo, Okaeri kudasai."

(Kokkuri-san, Kokkuri-san, thank you very much. Please, you can go home now.)



You must follow all the rules and steps to play. If you skip anything, the fox will keep possessing you even after you have finished playing and bad things will happen...

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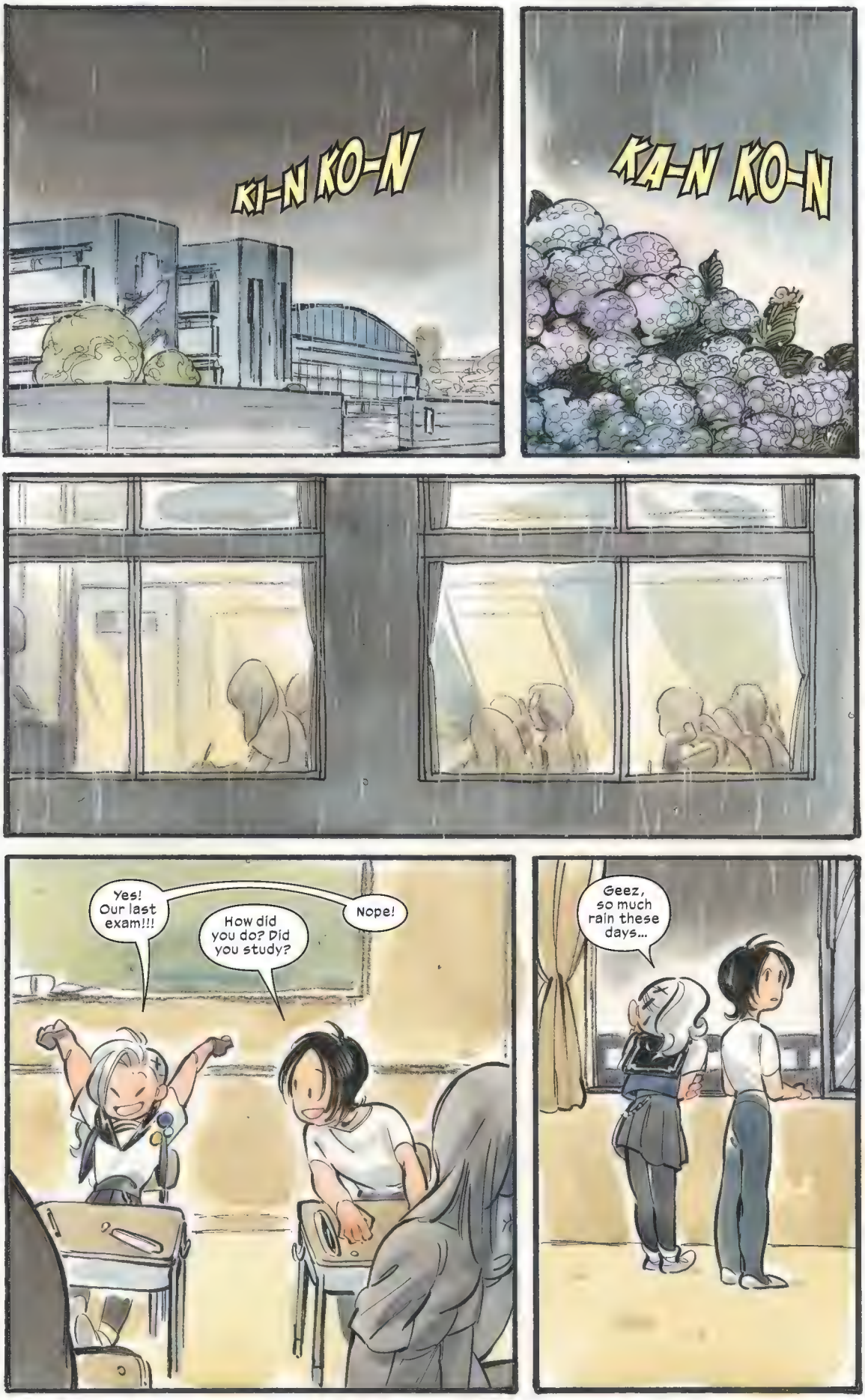

KI-N KO-N
KA-N KO-N
Yes! Our last exam!!!
How did you do? Did you study?
Nope!
Geez, so much rain these days...

Looks like Minoru's reading another fortune.
Your guardian angel weeps for you.
Do you think she really sees things? Even our powers?
I don't know. She acts like she has powers too--either that or she's faking it...
Hi-chan, you got your license now, right? Did you ride to school?
Yeah. I have to get used to driving in the rain.

But I can't hang out today, Mei. I got dinner duty.
Your mom's working late again?
Yup. See ya.
Bye!
カチッ
?

VRRRMMMM...

Wow, Hisako! Look at all this! You're becoming quite the chef.
Oh, I almost forgot to tell you. You remember Amano from middle school? I saw his mom the other day.
Hey, are you okay? I saw the scratch on your bike--did you fall?
Anyway, Amano's mom said he's been really depressed recently. I guess it hit him hard when his friends killed themselves...
I hope he's okay.
Kirigaya Minami Middle School Graduation Album

みんなの
★部活★
That same boy...
I knew it...

You're Hisako Ichiki. Aren't you?
You were friends with Tsubasa.
Everything has gone to hell since he died! Sakaguchi...Kida... Murata...they killed themselves!
But they would never have done that! There's no way!
You know something. I know you do.
Tell me!
VRRR

Owww...what happened...?

You're running away... again?
Tsubasa...

VRRNN VRNNNN

Such confidence, Hisako... so different from the last time we met.
You're learning to control your powers.
Do you think that will save you?
SFT
SFT
SFT
SFT

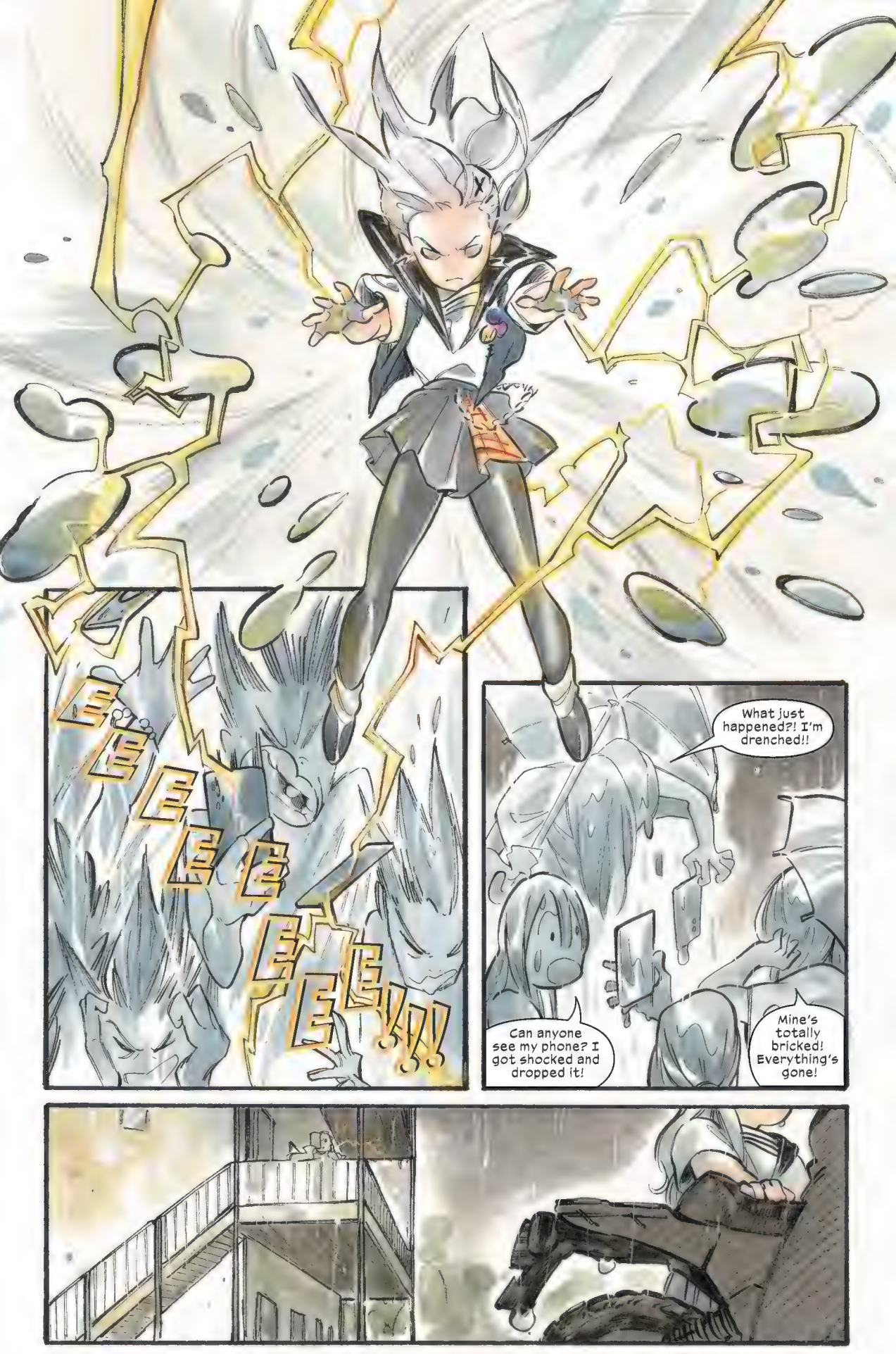
VRRRMMMM
KRRSSHH
VRRRMMM

TNK
TNK
TNK
Hisako, do you know how Tsubasa killed himself?
Like this.

GYAB BAGA

CLCK
CLCK
CLCK
CLK
CLCK
Oh my god! Did she crash?
Eww-- what is that pink goop all over her?
Hisako?!
?
I knew she was a mutant.

Out of my way!
Are you okay?! Are you hurt?
Stop filming!
I said
stop
KNNT
FILMING!


EEEEEEEEE!!!
What just happened?! I'm drenched!!
Can anyone see my phone? I got shocked and dropped it!
Mine's totally bricked! Everything's gone!

KZZT
Things just got a whole lot more fun around here.
POP

A FEW DAYS LATER.
Sunny at last! No more rain!
I have everyone's test results. Some of you will need to see me after class.
Oh man...this is worse than I thought...
Ugh...makeup class again. I don't have time for this.
I wish I could tell people we have powers...
BEE
BEE
BEE
BEEE

Is that... me?
How could they--? Oh god, it's going viral.
Impossible--I fried everyone's phones!
Not everyone's. This is bad.

LEXICON

HISAKO'S BIKE

Hisako's late father rode it when he was young.

Model: 1980s Honda Raccoon.

Hisako's bike has a scratch on the other side.

The sticker says "Racon" instead of Raccoon.

Hisako wears her mom's old jacket, from back when she used to ride with Hisako's dad.

The Honda Raccoon is a 49cc bike from the '80s. It was known for being easy to ride, which made it appealing to many young riders, and eventually became known as the "Harajuku bike."

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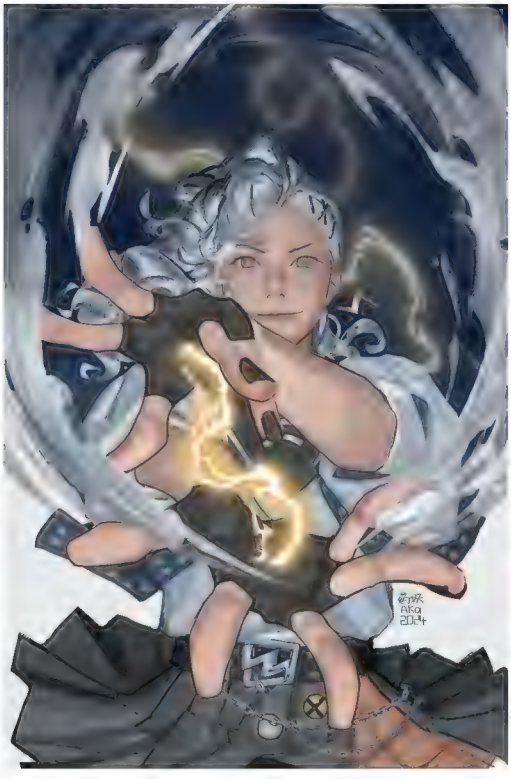

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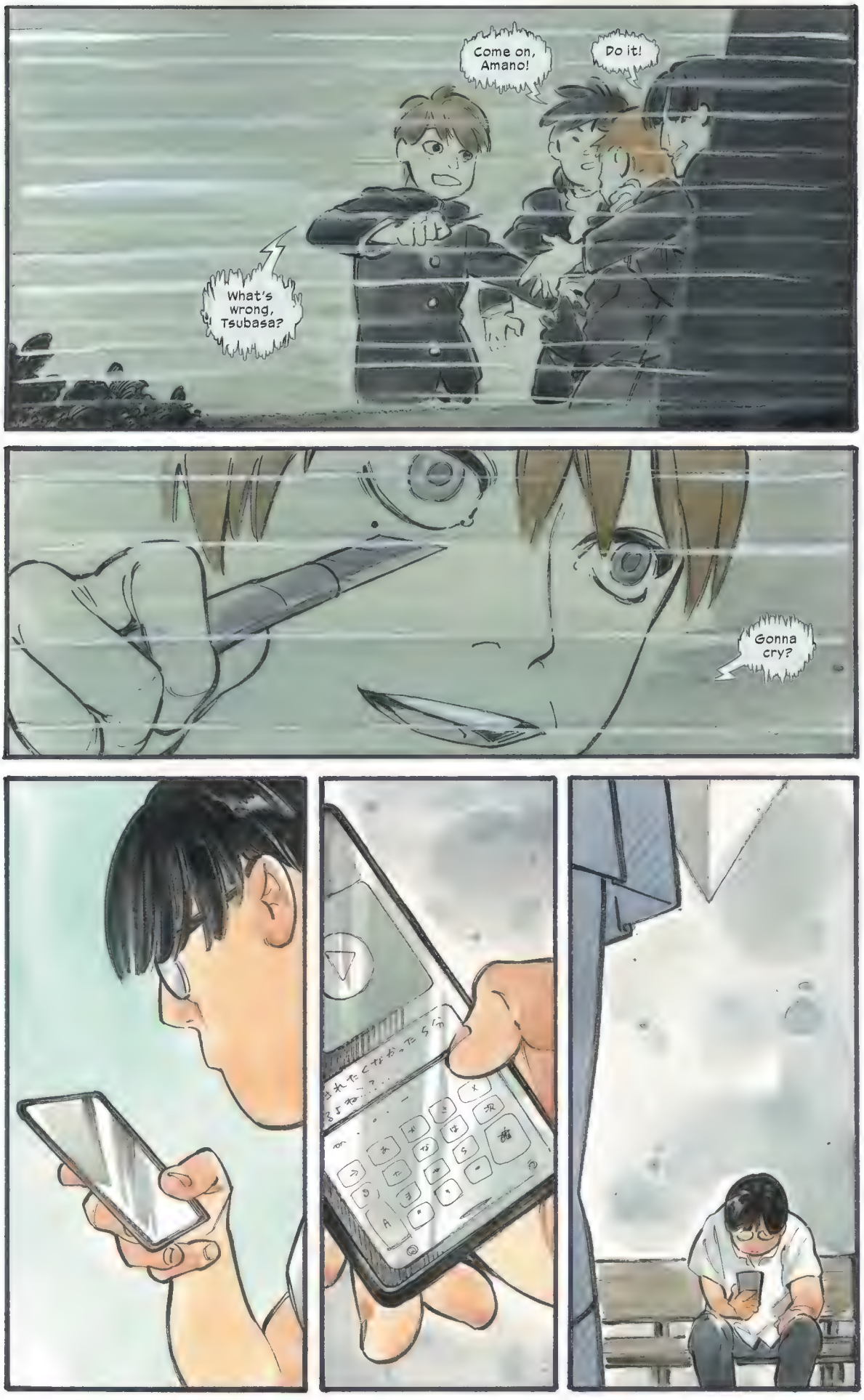
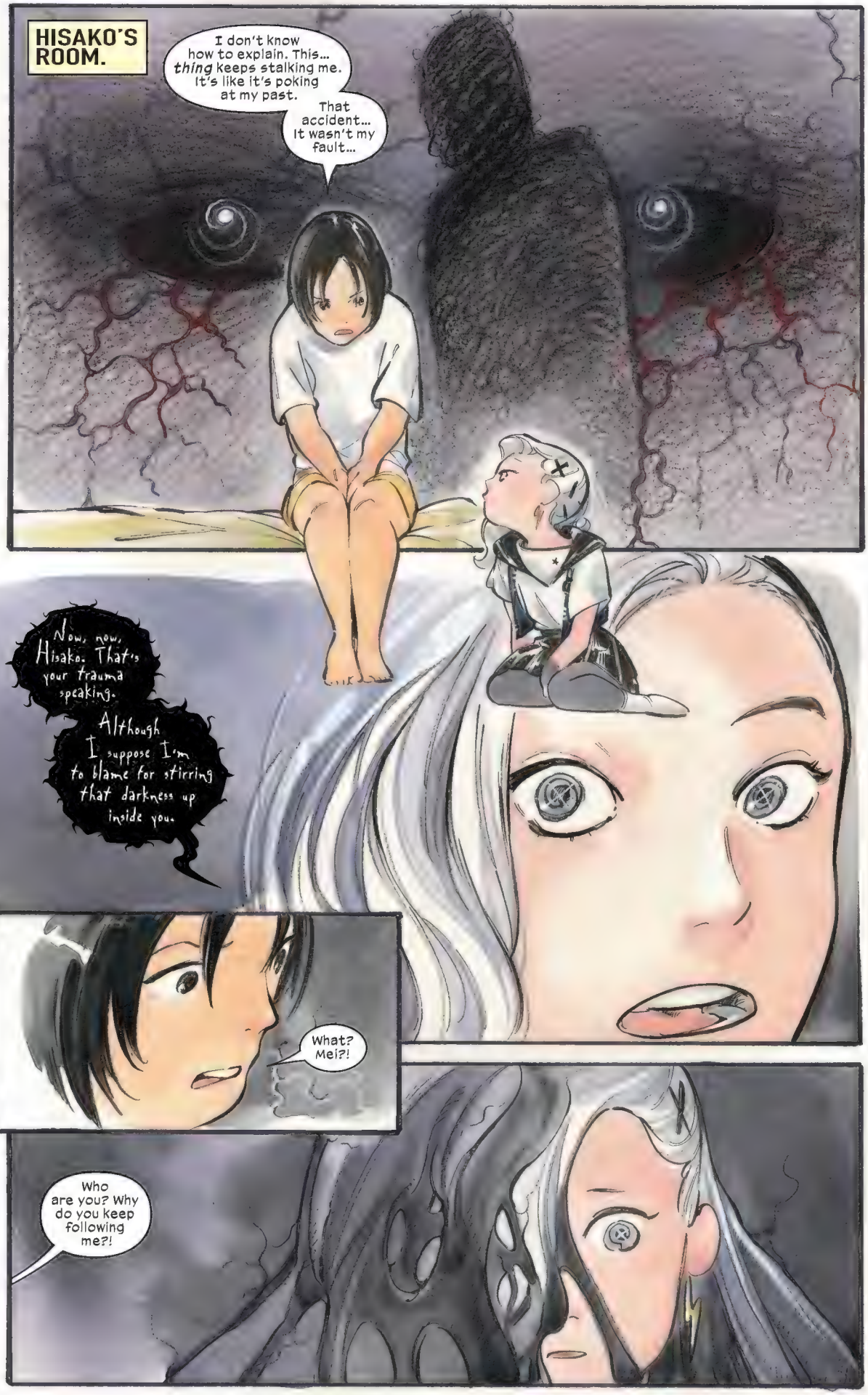

Come on, Amano!
Do it!
What's wrong, Tsubasa?
Gonna cry?

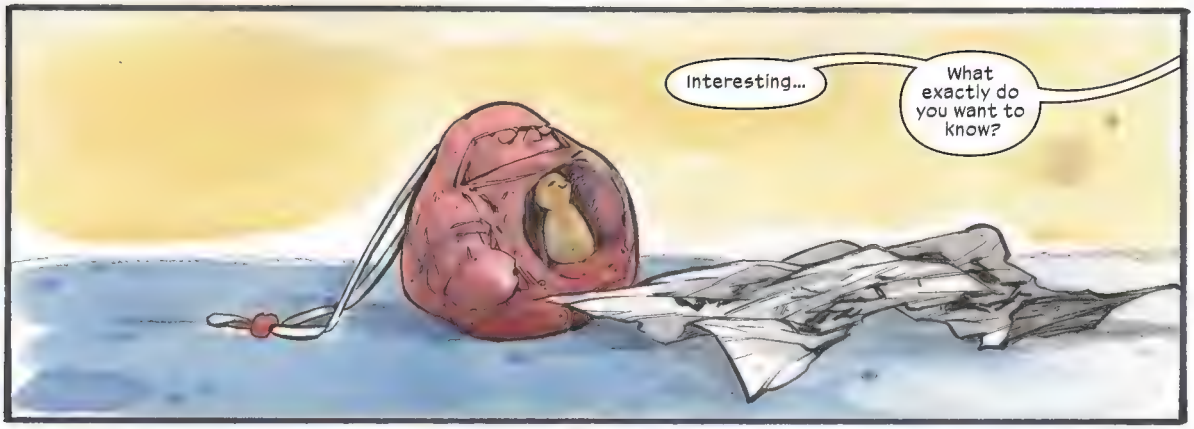
Got plans for summer break?
Need you to fix my computer.
...Why?
Again? Psykers always break electronics...
Gross. Stop calling me that.
You know I'm not like you.
Geez, social media is scary. Go viral and you're public property, just like that.
That's Hisako Ichiki, right? Irodori High?
Stalker.
We went to middle school together.
The suicide school?
Kageyama, you creep! You did this to her, didn't you?
Ha! Not me this time, Noriko.
But I do have some good secrets.
Whaaat?! Of her? Show me!
Maybe one day...
You suck.

I have to go.
My friend is calling me.
Like you have friends...
Have a nice summer. Don't "work" too hard.
Buzz off.
Loser.


HISAKO'S ROOM.
I don't know how to explain. This... *thing* keeps stalking me. It's like it's poking at my past.
That accident... It wasn't my fault...
Now, now, Hisako. That's your trauma speaking.
Although I suppose I'm to blame for stirring that darkness up inside you.
What? Mei?!
Who are you? Why do you keep following me?!

I told you. I want to be friends.
We are the same. We have powers that normal people can only dream of. We could control this stupid world.
We are... superior.
I...I can't remember... Those eyes--I've seen them somewhere...
Hellooooo? Anyone home?

Sip
Hi-chan, snap out of it! I know that video freaked you out, but you're the one who said you wanted to talk to Nico!
Sorry...
Nico, you're a psychic, right? I wanted to see if you can get a reading from something of mine...
Show me.
It's this...


Interesting...
What exactly do you want to know?

Who gave me this. If I know who it is...

...I can report it to the police, and--
Are you kidding? You think the cops will believe a psychic vision from an omamori protection amulet? Or what we saw in the anatomy room?

Ahem.
If we can begin...

Where did you come from...?
Snff Snff...
Blood...?
And a symbol...
Check it! She's really reading it!!!
ドク ドク
!!!

What did you do? Cast some kind of magic...?
No, it wasn't--
パチ
KRSSH
That should *not* have happened...

AAA
AA
A
AHH!
Not yet...
We need more time to get to know each other.

It's here!
What is that?!
That!!! That's the thing I told you about!
Be!
Gone!

Did you get it...?
This... thing...is what has been stalking you?
ぐるる…
ぐるる…
ぐるる…

FWOOOH
Whatever you're doing, it's *working!* Keep going!
Nico! I didn't know you could do that!
Neither did I.

My grandmother gave me this.
There's more to it than I thought.
The omamori!
A pact made with *blood*...
I've read about this in my grandmother's research. So, it really is true!

What are your plans for summer break, Surge? Can I call you?
I dunno...
I didn't know you had a scar on your thigh.
Can I touch it? I'll be gentle.
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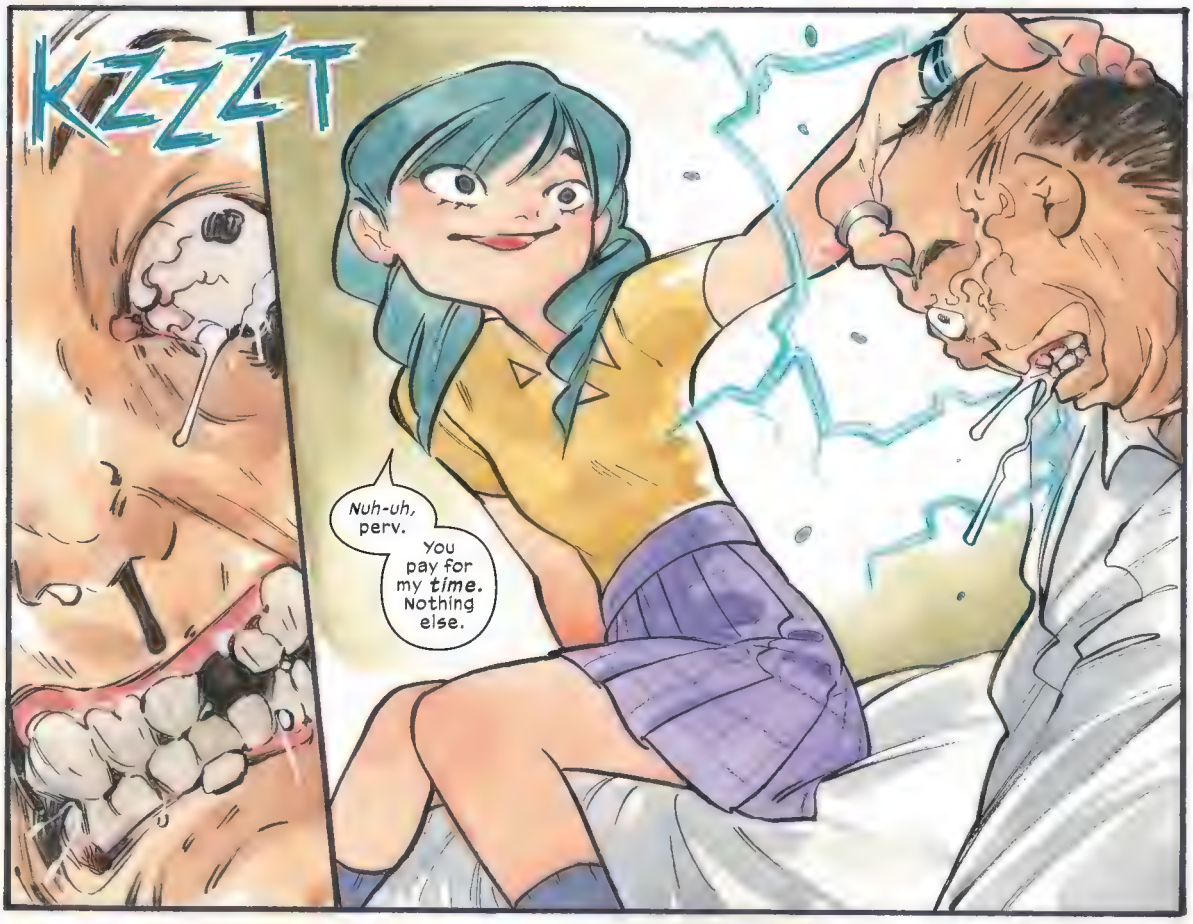
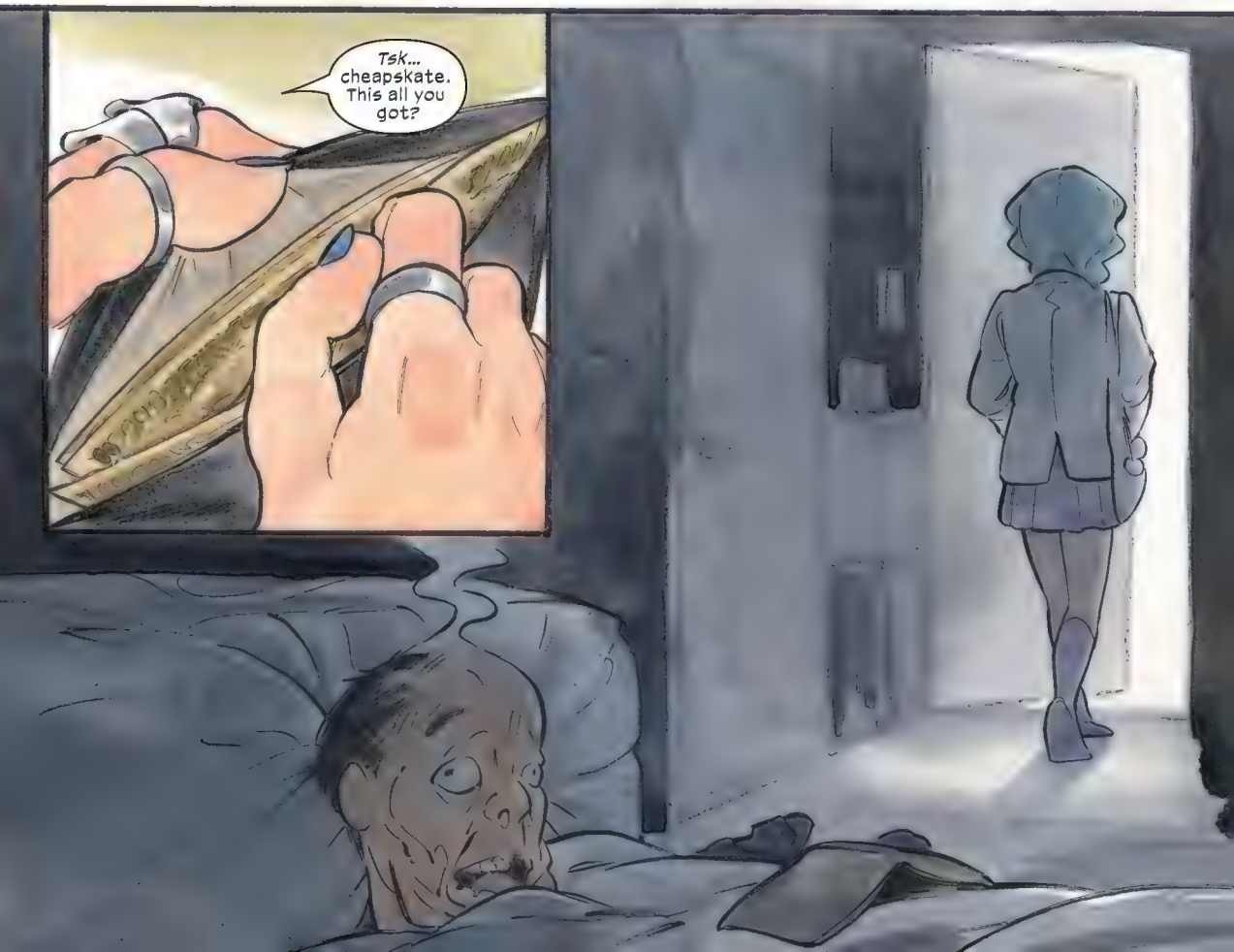
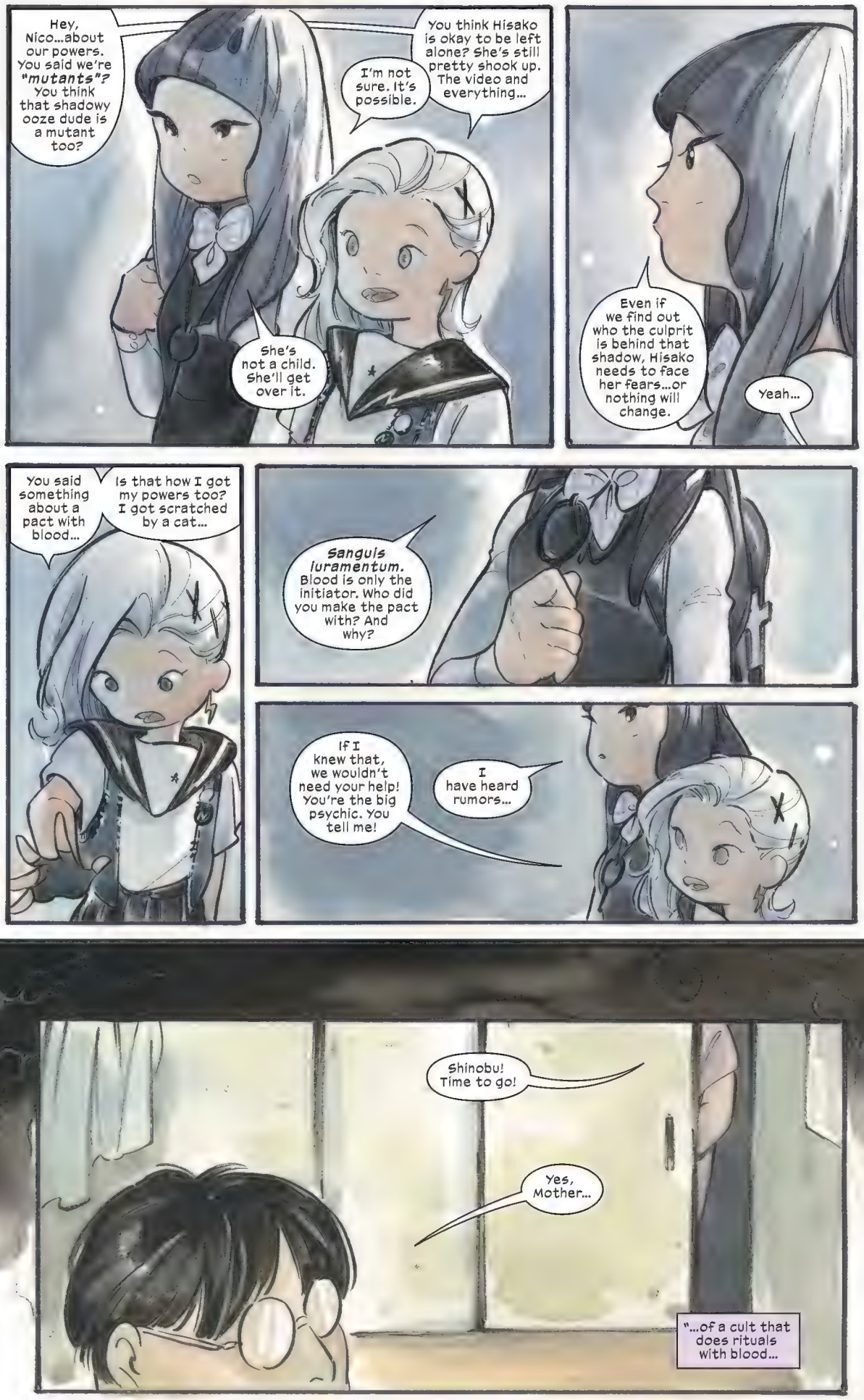
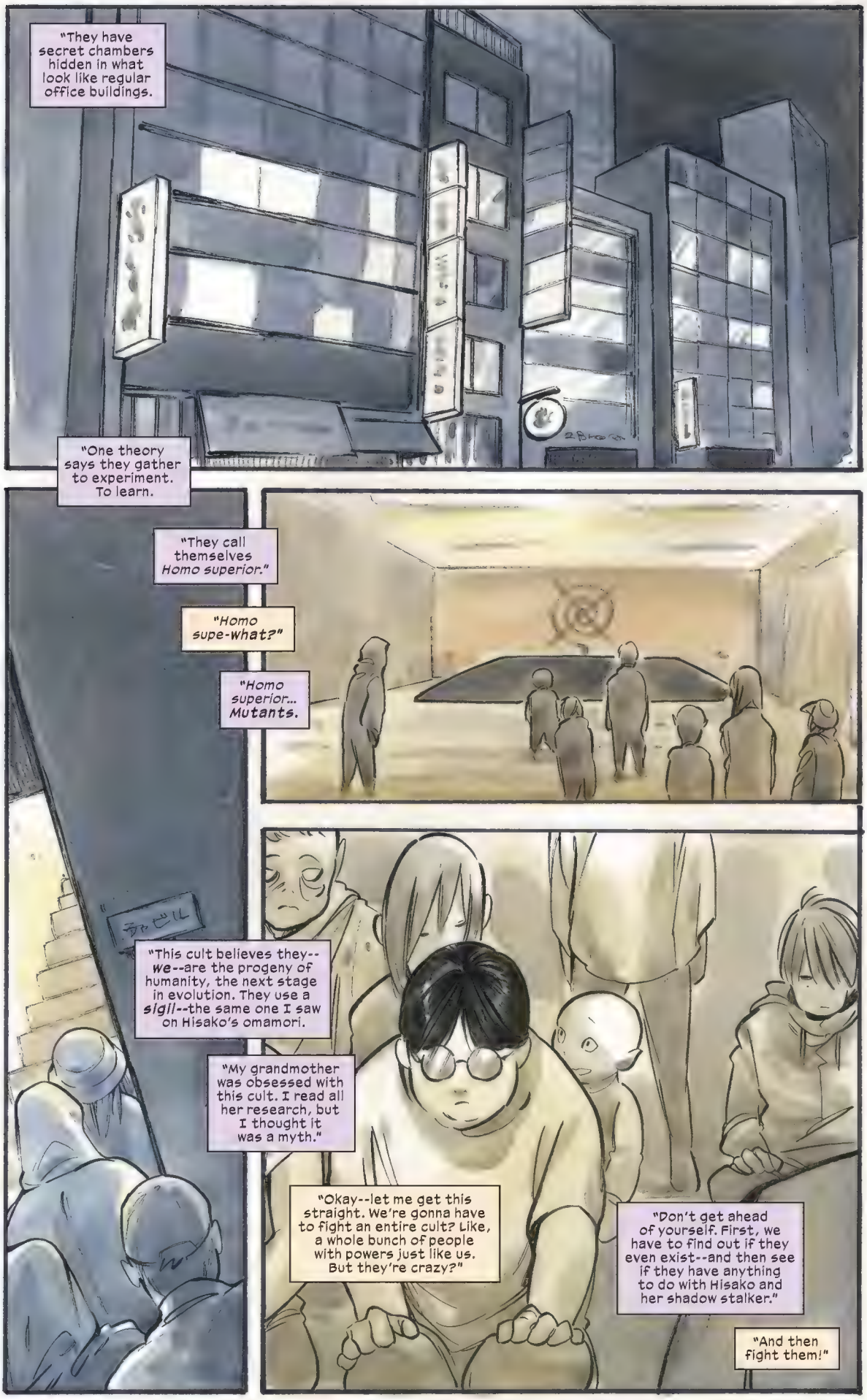

KZZZT
Nuh-uh, perv.
You pay for my time. Nothing else.


Tsk... cheapskate. This all you got?

She looks like trouble. And not the fun kind...


Hey, Nico...about our powers. You said we're "mutants"? You think that shadowy ooze dude is a mutant too?
I'm not sure. It's possible.
You think Hisako is okay to be left alone? She's still pretty shook up. The video and everything...
She's not a child. She'll get over it.
Even if we find out who the culprit is behind that shadow, Hisako needs to face her fears...or nothing will change.
Yeah...
You said something about a pact with blood...
Is that how I got my powers too? I got scratched by a cat...
Sanguis iuramentum. Blood is only the initiator. Who did you make the pact with? And why?
If I knew that, we wouldn't need your help! You're the big psychic. You tell me!
I have heard rumors...
Shinobu! Time to go!
Yes, Mother...
"...of a cult that does rituals with blood...


"They have secret chambers hidden in what look like regular office buildings.
"One theory says they gather to experiment. To learn.
"They call themselves *Homo superior.*"
"*Homo supe-What?*"
"*Homo superior... **Mutants.***
"This cult believes they--***we***--are the progeny of humanity, the next stage in evolution. They use a ***sigil***--the same one I saw on Hisako's omamori.
"My grandmother was obsessed with this cult. I read all her research, but I thought it was a myth."
"Okay--let me get this straight. We're gonna have to fight an entire cult? Like, a whole bunch of people with powers just like us. But they're crazy?"
"Don't get ahead of yourself. First, we have to find out if they even exist--and then see if they have anything to do with Hisako and her shadow stalker."
"And then fight them!"

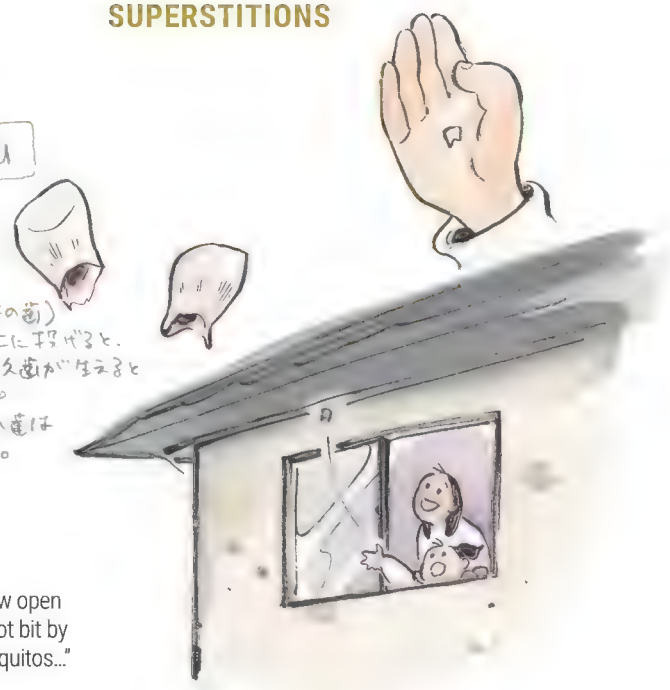
If we're fighting bad guys, we're going to need a team name.
I got it! X-Team!
Why X-Team?
Because we all have bad grades! Bunch of X's on our tests!!!
Speak for yourself. I get excellent grades. Besides, we're not in elementary school, you know...
Then how about... Secret Society X-Men!
X-Men... I guess it sounds better than "team"...
You can invite Natsu and Mori too. Don't want to leave anyone out.
Do they have powers?

LEXICON

SUPERSTITIONS

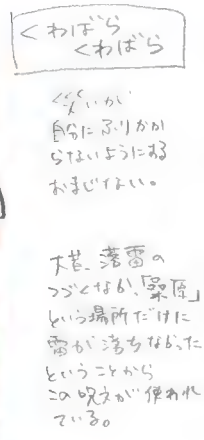
FALLEN BABY TEETH

When the bottom row of your baby teeth fall out, throw them onto your rooftop to grow healthy, strong adult teeth. And when the top row of baby teeth fall out, throw them under your house or patio.



"I left the window open last night and got bit by a bunch of mosquitos..."

"Kuwabara kuwabara."



"KUWABARA KUWABARA"

Say the phrase "kuwabara kuawabara" to avoid jinxes and bad luck.

Legend says that most of Japan had problems with thunderstorms, but a place called Kuwabara was the only area that didn't get hit by the storm.

So "Kuwabara" became a protection spell.

You write the kanji "person" (人) three times on your palm and swallow it.

They say this releases anxiety and helps you calm down.

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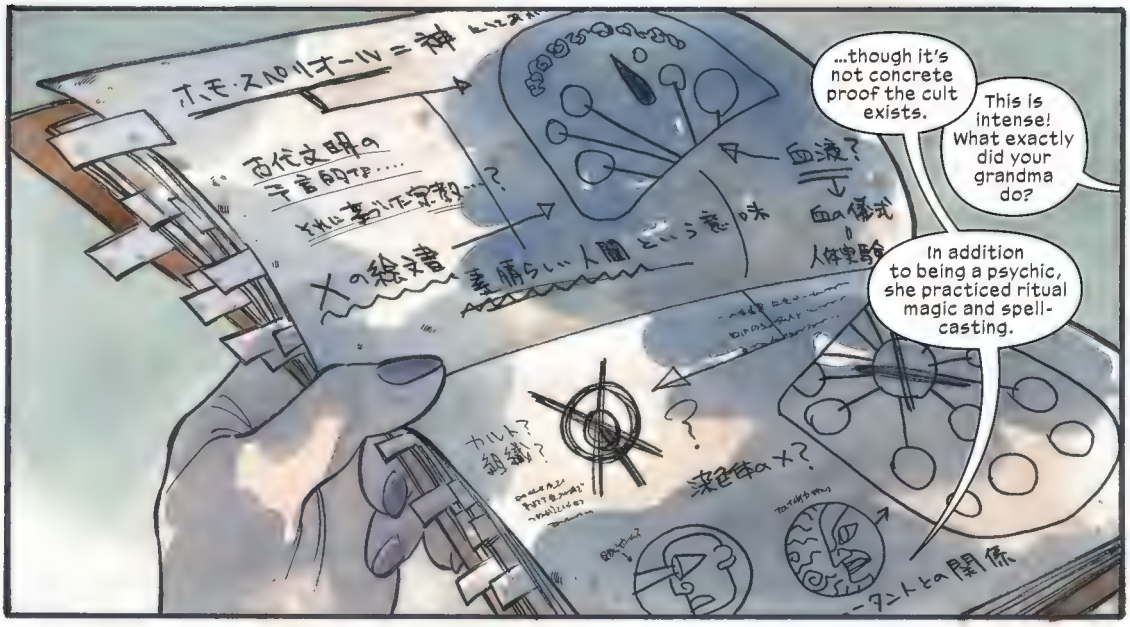
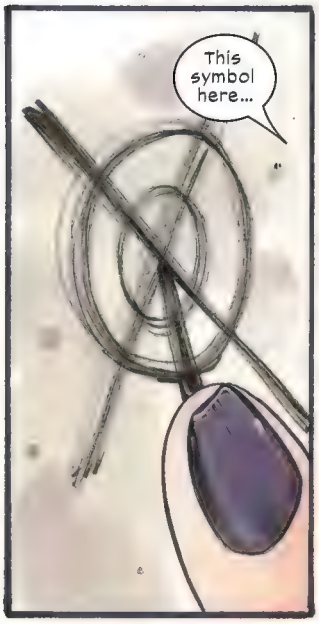
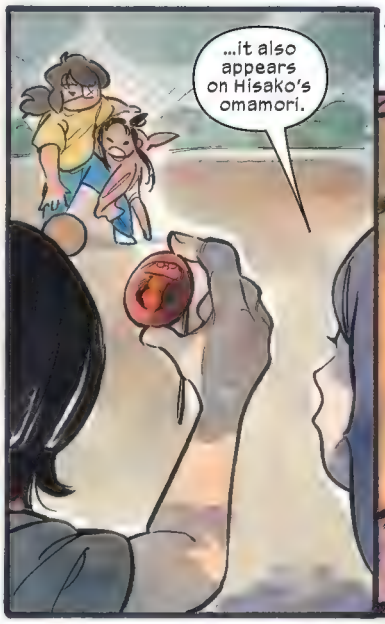
Soo... Hi-chan, you doing all right? I know that video...
It's fine, Mei. I'm fine. Really. It helps that I stay off my socials.
Yeah, that's smart.
Oh my god, it's *blazing!!!* Why are we outside? I'm going to catch on fire!
Then make it rain and put yourself out, Mei. Natsu and Mori wanted to play basketball.
Nico, aren't you hot in those long sleeves?
Don't you know goth fashion?
If we've talked enough about the weather and my fashion choices...
When my grandmother was alive, she devoted herself to researching this *cult*. Everything she learned, she collected in this book...


...though it's not concrete proof the cult exists.
This is intense! What exactly did your grandma do?
In addition to being a psychic, she practiced ritual magic and spell-casting.


This symbol here...


...it also appears on Hisako's omamori.

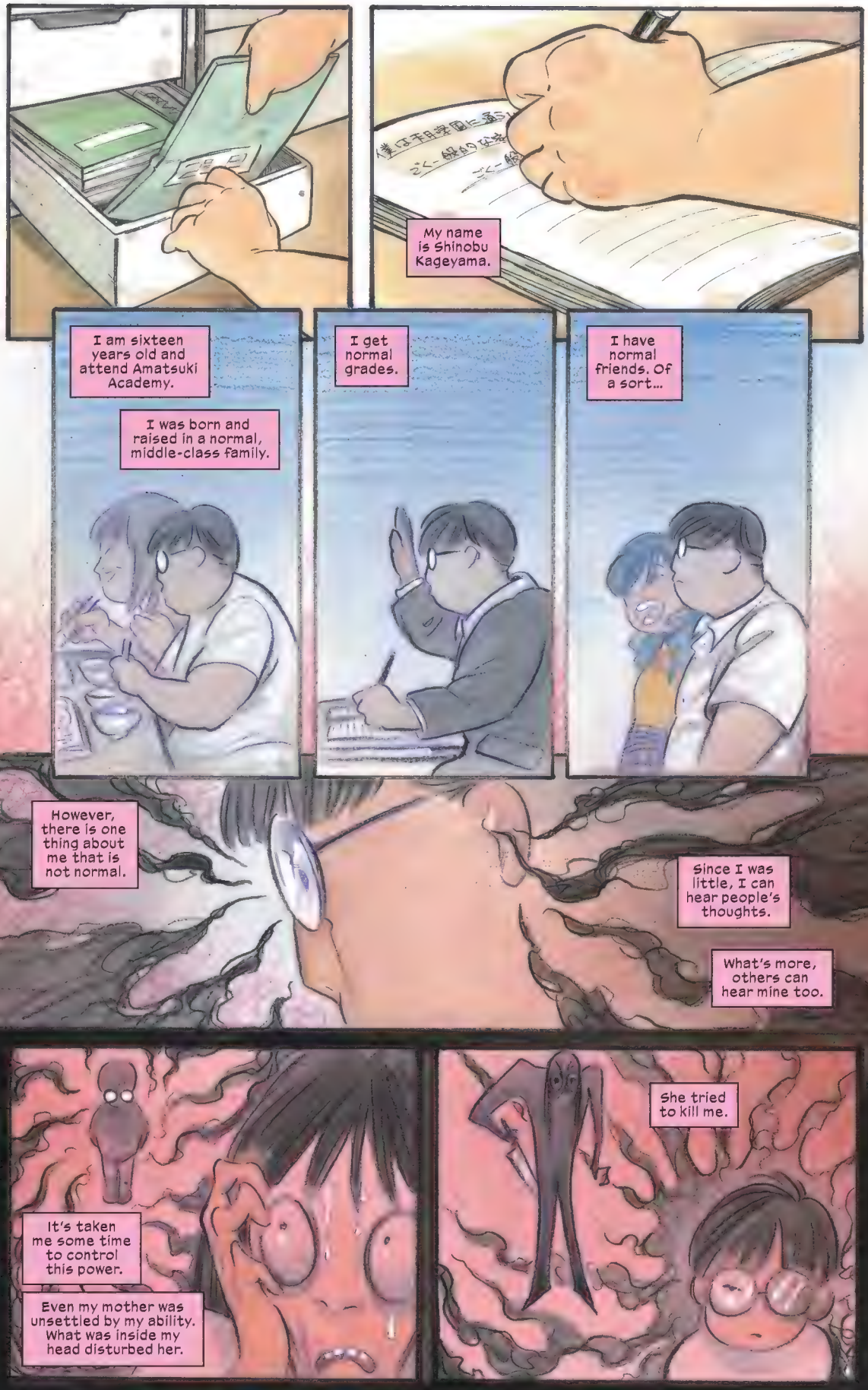
Huh... You're right.

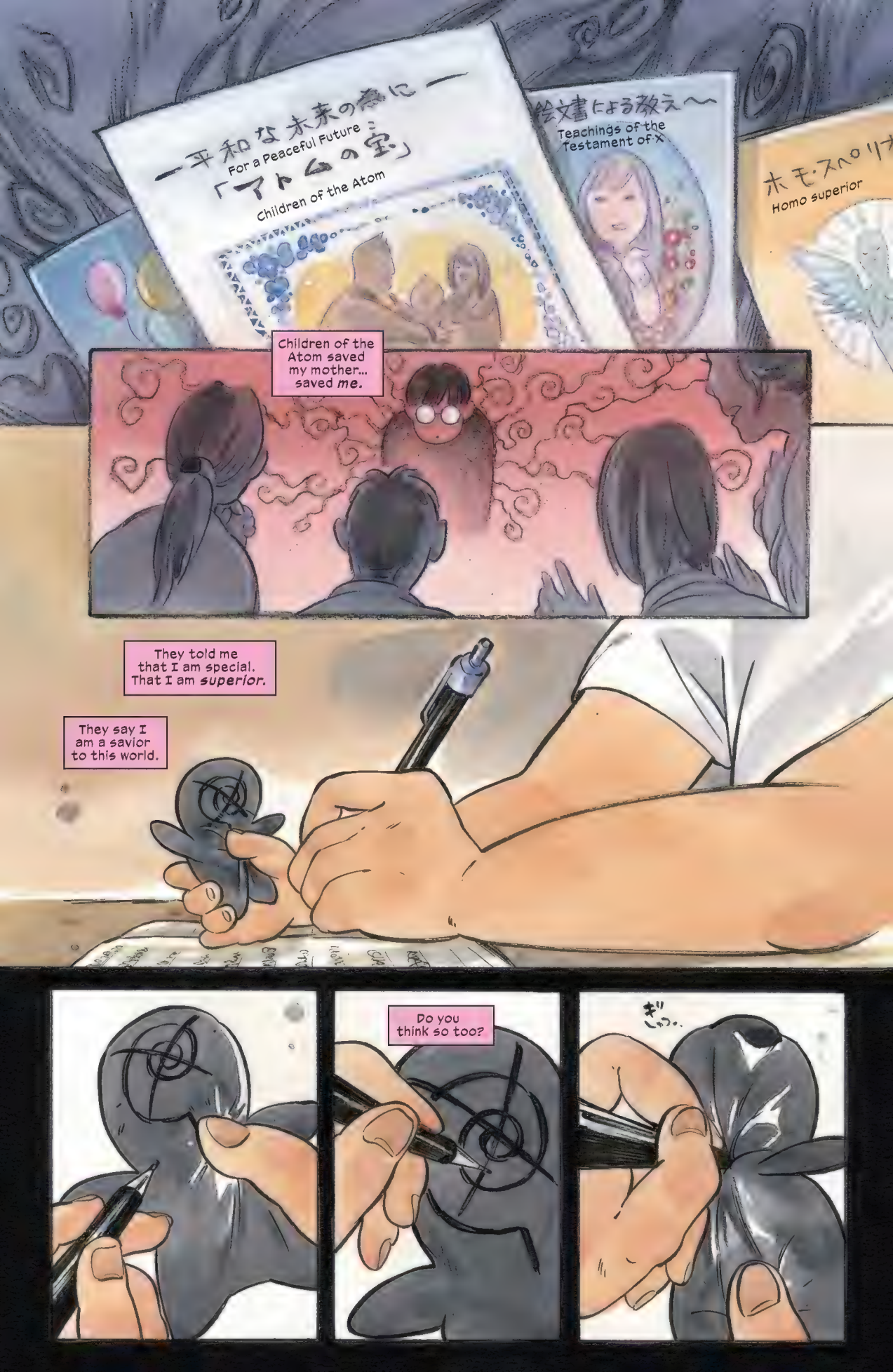
Come on! What else does it say?! Ancient prophecies? Blood rituals?!
Please do not yell into my ear. It's far too hot and you'll give me a headache.
This is insane...and somehow we're involved in this?

Phew! It's boiling today!
Look at this symbol, Mori. Have you ever seen it before?
Oh, sure...
...the Children of the Atom.
Atom? Like the anime character?
Shh, Mei. So that means this secret religion actually exists?
Whoops.
Why are you asking questions about that religion?
We surmise a link between Hisako's stalker and that cult.
Mori, are you okay?

In fact, we suspect the stalker is a member.
Hmm.
Wait, Tsubasa gave you that omamori, right? Does that mean he was in that cult too?
It's possible...
Oooooohh... The ghost of Tsubasa.
You know something, don't you, Natsu?
I, uh... gotta get going, guys...
It's okay, Mori. It doesn't matter if they know.

Say what?
Our parents... they're members of that group.
We're not supposed to talk about it to outsiders.
Ha! Looks like finding this secret church wasn't so hard after all!


My name is Shinobu Kageyama.
I am sixteen years old and attend Amatsuki Academy.
I was born and raised in a normal, middle-class family.
I get normal grades.
I have normal friends. Of a sort...
However, there is one thing about me that is not normal.
Since I was little, I can hear people's thoughts.
What's more, others can hear mine too.
It's taken me some time to control this power.
Even my mother was unsettled by my ability. What was inside my head disturbed her.
She tried to kill me.


For a Peaceful Future
Children of the Atom
Teachings of the Testament of X
Homo superior
Children of the Atom saved my mother... saved *me*.
They told me that I am special. That I am ***superior***.
They say I am a savior to this world.
Do you think so too?
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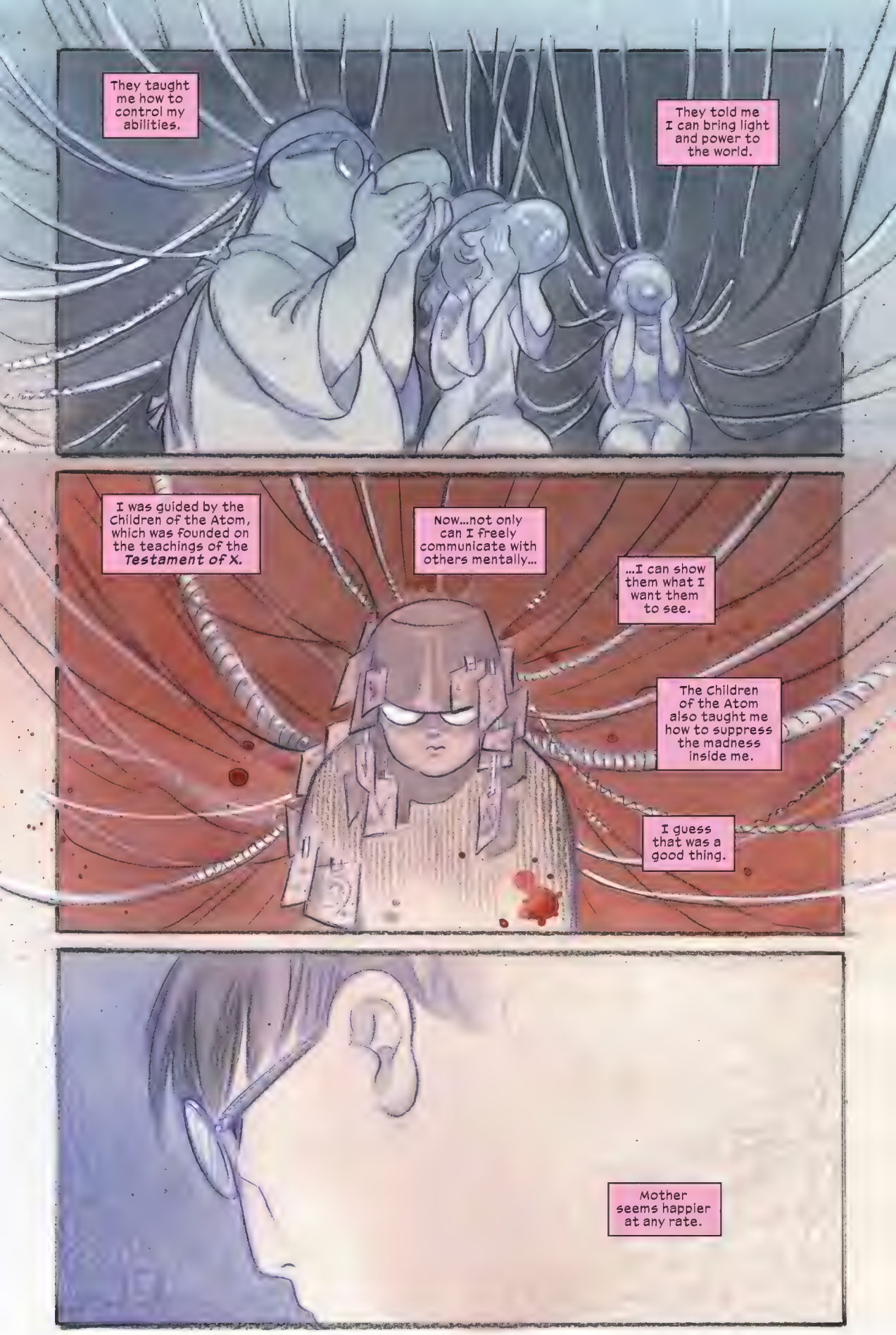

They taught me how to control my abilities.
They told me I can bring light and power to the world.
I was guided by the Children of the Atom, which was founded on the teachings of the *Testament of X.*
Now...not only can I freely communicate with others mentally...
...I can show them what I want them to see.
The Children of the Atom also taught me how to suppress the madness inside me.
I guess that was a good thing.
Mother seems happier at any rate.

If Mother is happy...
...my family is happy.
I was obedient and lived the way they told me.
Until I met you, Hisako Ichiki.

hhhhhhoooo
Did you guys hear that?
Did it just get dark real fast?
Yeah... and cold.
Is someone there?
We should go home...
Kageyama? Is that you...?

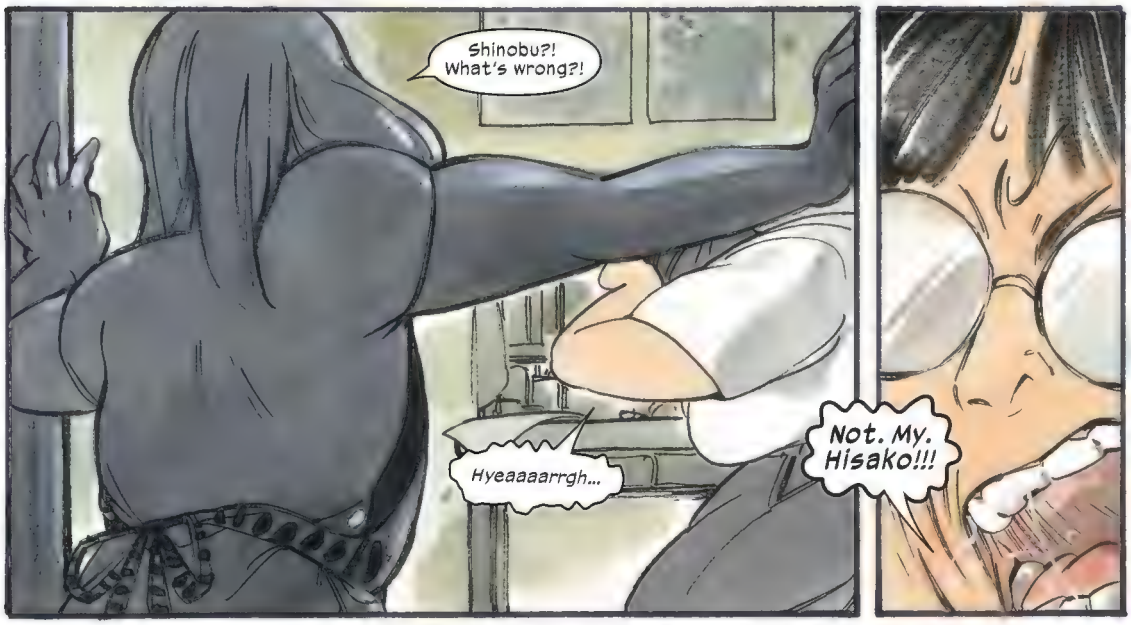
Who is--
--Kageyama?
He creates shadows and visions.
Everyone, be careful. He can make you see and hear things. Don't trust your senses...

Yeah, we know!
What are you doing?!
Here he comes!

Hi-chan! Wait!
YOU!!!
You think I'm the one closed off from the world? That I have no friends?
Why don't you come out of the shadows?

Aaaaahhh!!!
Nono nonono no!!!

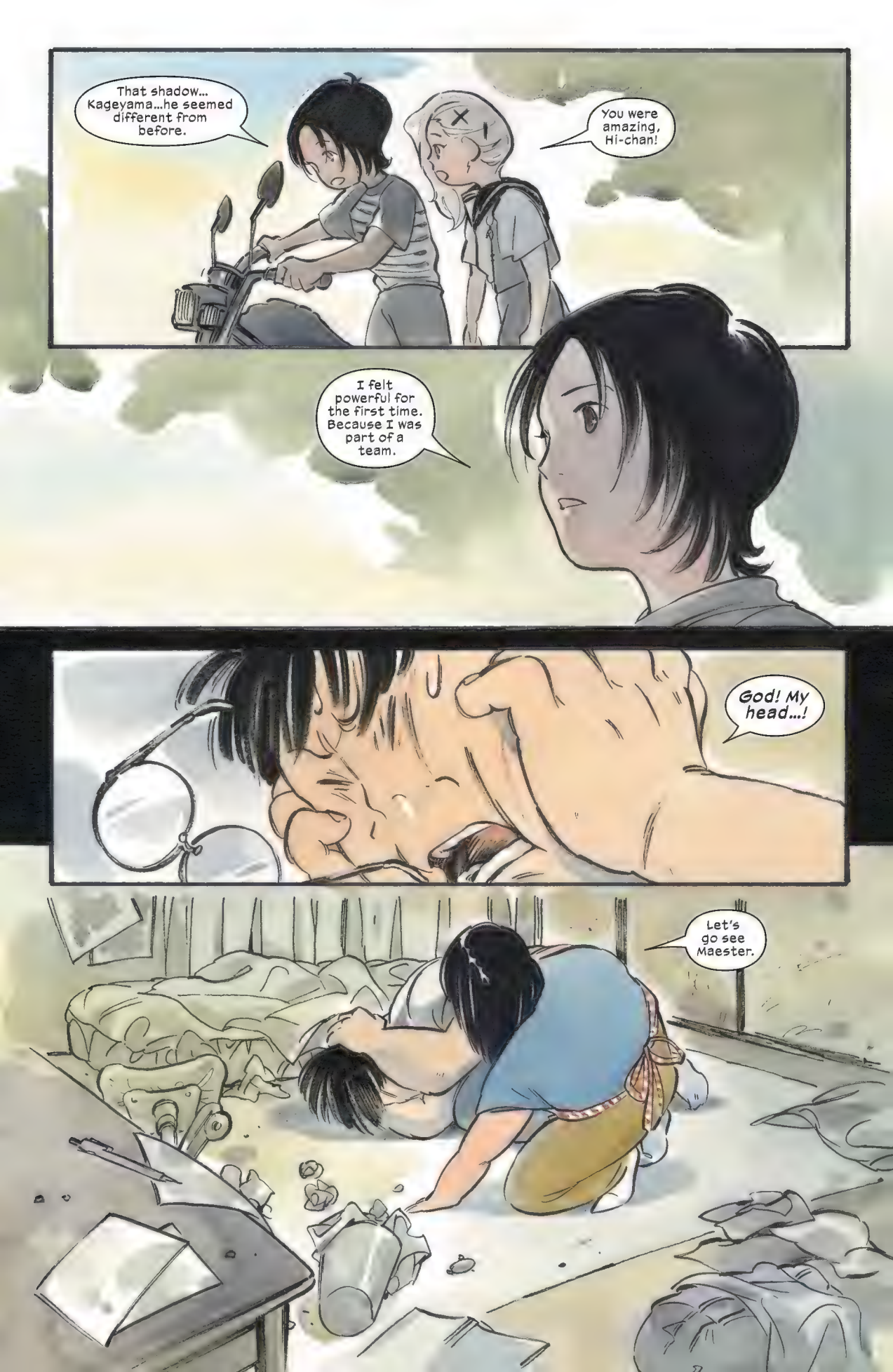
My Hisako--
--doesn't talk like that!!!


Shinobu?! What's wrong?!
Hyeaaaarrgh...
Not. My. Hisako!!!

YEARRGH!
Stand back, Mei. Give Hisako a chance.
Is she... grabbing his shadow? How is that possible...?
You don't get to hide in the shadows anymore.

Huh?
Plip
Hi, Hisako. Do you remember me?
I...don't. Who are you?

Nico! NOW!
What exactly just happened?
TNK


That shadow... Kageyama...he seemed different from before.
You were amazing, Hi-chan!
I felt powerful for the first time. Because I was part of a team.
God! My head...!
Let's go see Maester.

"Maester, it's Kageyama."
"Again?
"I suppose it's to be expected for his age.
"Adolescents' hormonal imbalances cause unstable behavior.
"Inform Mrs. Kageyama he will be fine.
"After all, he isn't like the rest...he is one of the *chosen*.

"A true Homo superior."
つづく
To be continued...

LEXICON

SUPERSTITIONS PART 2

「おまじない」とか、パート2

YUBIKIRI GENMAN (PINKIE PROMISE)

When making a promise, we curl our pinkies together and sing:

"Yubikiri genman, uso tsuitara hari senbon noomasu. Yubi kitta."

It translates to "Pinkie promise, if you break this promise, you will swallow one thousand needles. Pinkie promise."

TERU TERU BOZU

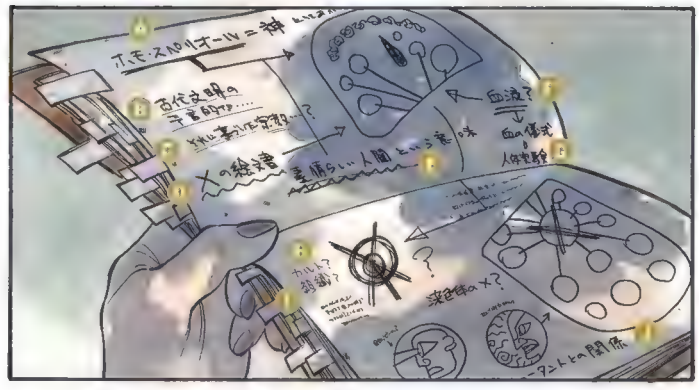
雨が降る時や 予定の日に
晴れを望む時、
ティッシュをまるめて 人形を作り、
窓際につるす。
雨が上がる おまじない。

When rain is forecasted, hang these teru teru bozu from your window to stop the rain and make it sunny.

The teru teru bozu are made by rolling tissue balls and covering them like a ghost, then tying around the neck portion.

NICO'S GRANDMOTHER'S RESEARCH

A. Homo superior = God
B. Prophetic Symbols of Ancient Civilizations...
C. Religion based on it...?
D. Testament of X
E. Meaning extraordinary humans
F. Blood?
G. Blood ritual
H. Cult
I. Organization
J. Related to mutation



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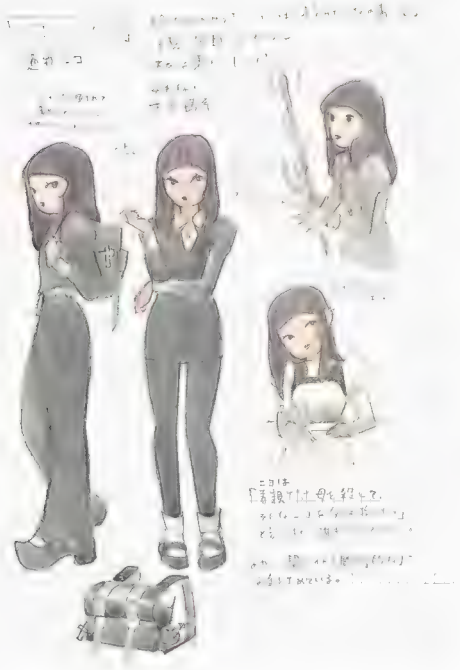

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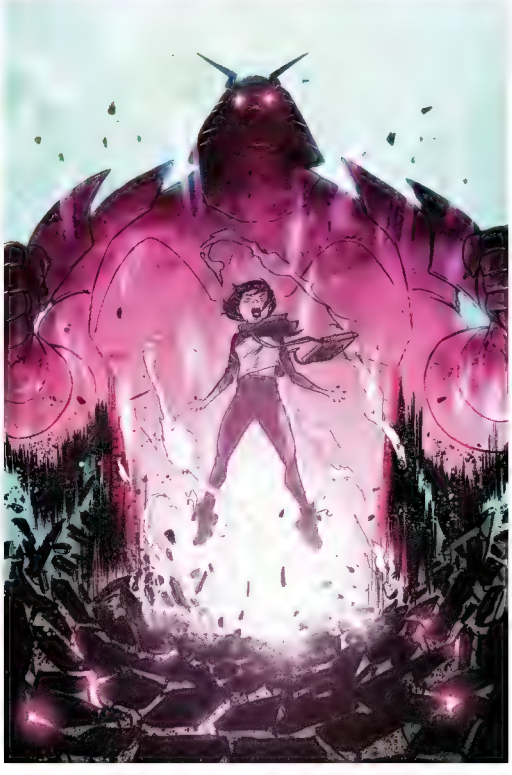

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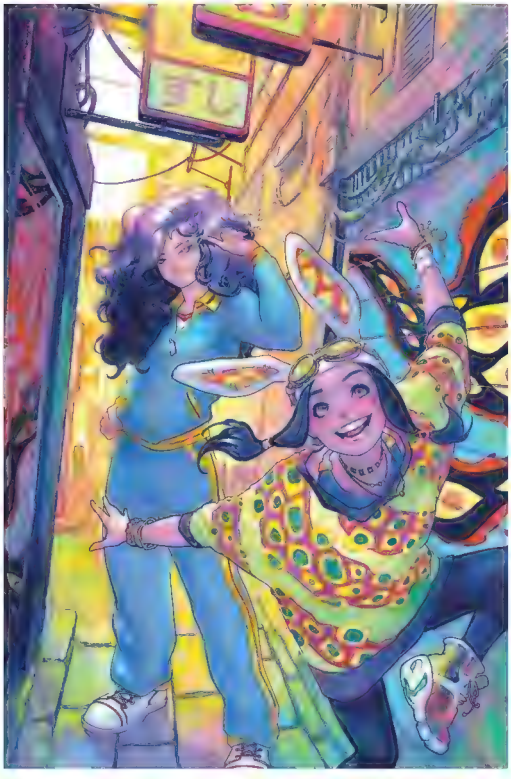

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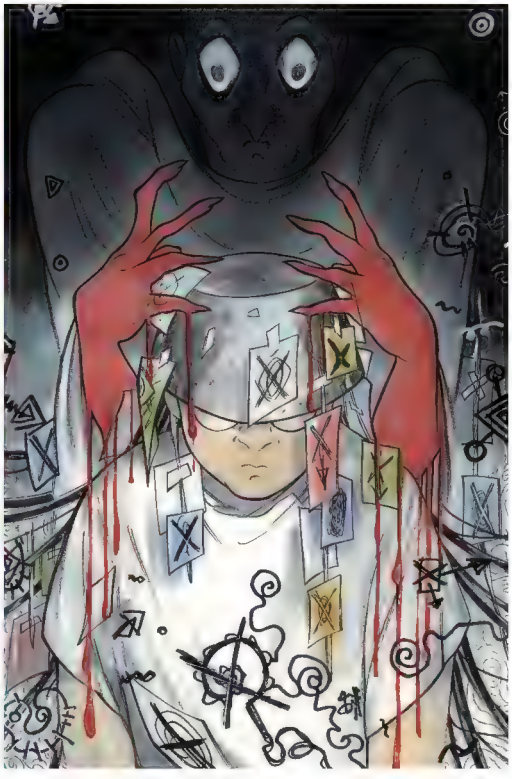

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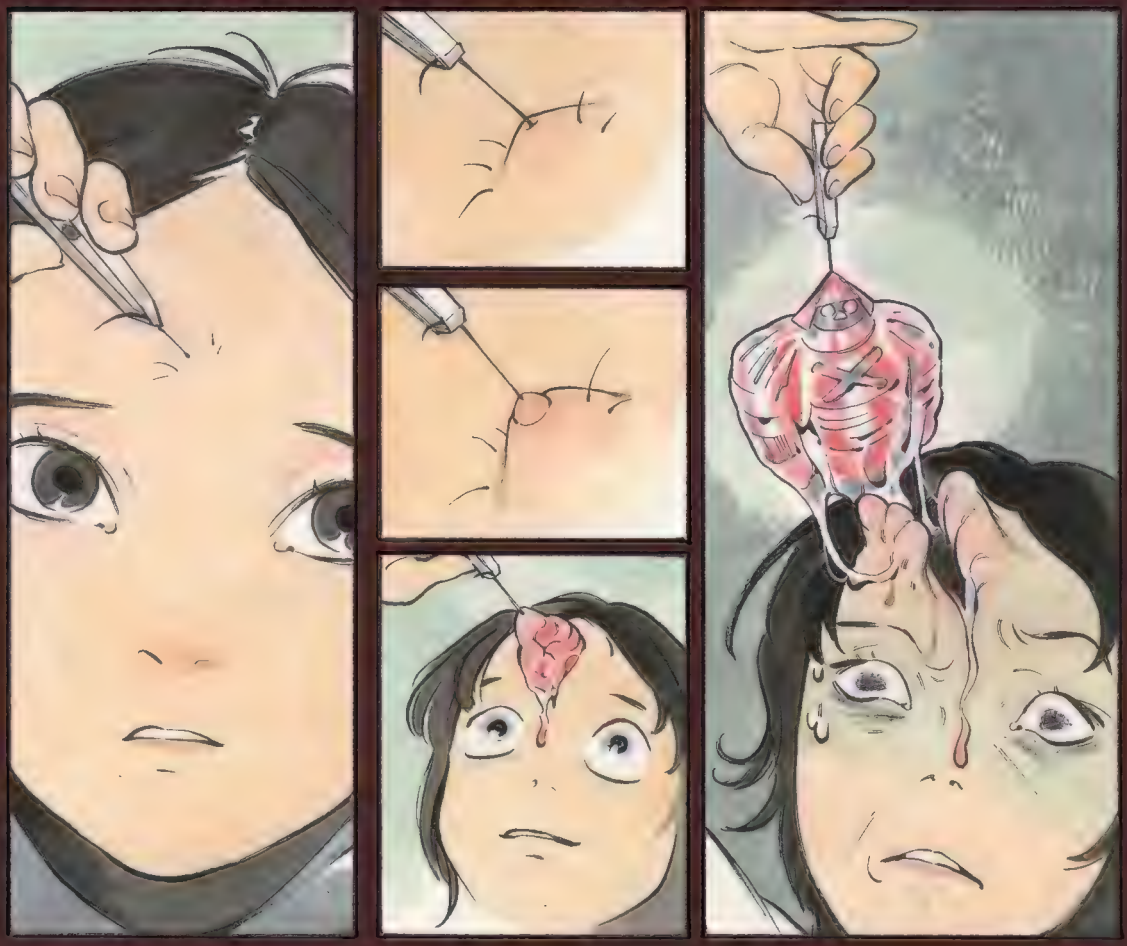

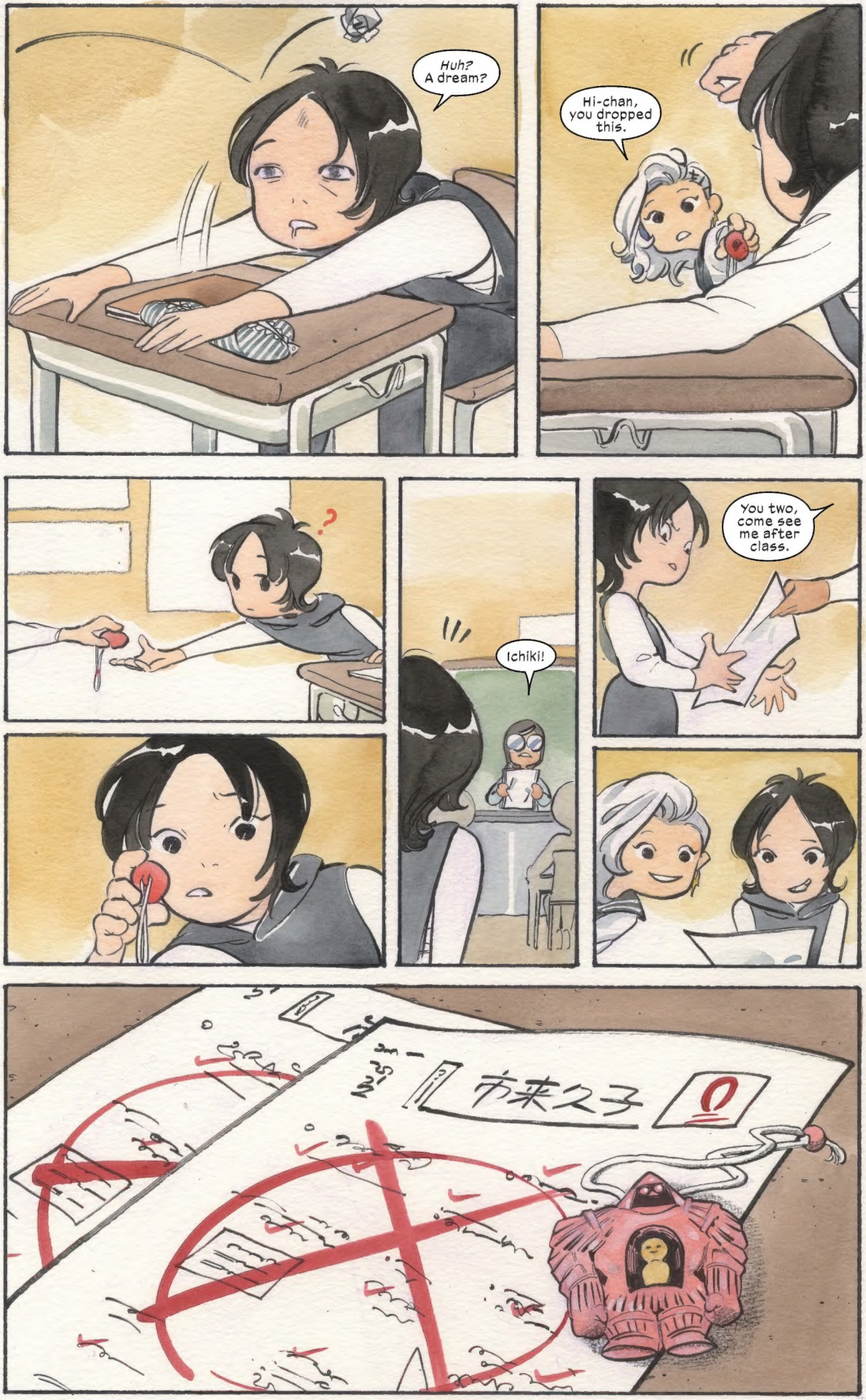
Huh? A dream?
Hi-chan, you dropped this.
Ichiki!
You two, come see me after class.

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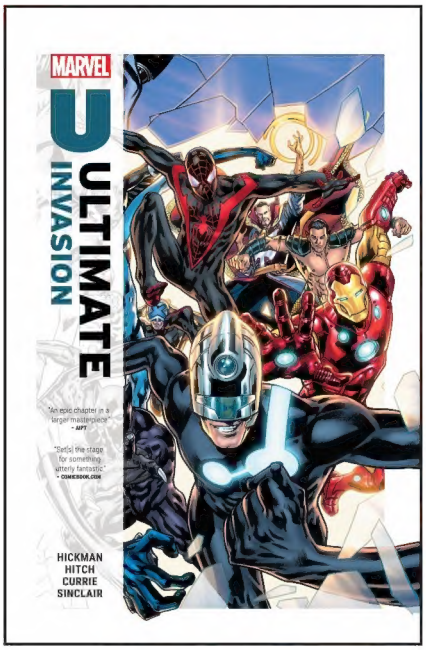

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